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The Sun Enters Libra.

At the time of the sun's entry into the sign Libra (September 24th, 1907, at 5.9. a.m.), the last decanate of the sign Virgo was ascending. The sun was conjoined with Venus in the first house, in sextile to Jupiter in the eleventh. Mercury was in the second house, badly afflicted by Mars and Uranus from the fourth house, and Neptune from the tenth, Saturn was just setting, and the moon was placed in the eighth house.

Rise in Value of Land.

With Neptune stationary in Cancer and Jupiter holding a strong position at the ingress there is every indication of a rise in the value of agricultural land. The present, therefore, affords an excellent opportunity for the noble and needy landlords of Great Britain to realise the unearned increment. Naturally, the great reforms in the higher official administration of the country having cut off their "supplies," by the displacement of nobility of birth for nobility of brains, the displaced ones will not be slow to mend their shattered fortunes at the expense of the toiling and thrifty working classes. This, unhappily, is unavoidable; but, inasmuch as it opens the way back to the land and offers to small investors an opportunity to reclaim their lost heritage, the signs of the times should be received with thankfulness.

The Prospects of Agriculture.

In addition to the rise in the value of the land itself, there is every presage of a great increase in its cultivation; and, with splendid harvests to encourage farmers in enlarging their holdings, huge tracts of land unaccustomed to the friendly service of the plough will again come under cultivation. The return of good times to the farmer will, as a natural consequence, result in better wages for the labourer and more attractive conditions in our village life. This in its turn will enlarge the sympathies of the young men and maidens of the country side with the place of their birth and they will cease to seek the glamour of our towns and cities, which, under the conditions we foresee, will have nothing to offer them superior to their native heath either in wages, or comforts, or amusements.

A Warning to Sheep Farmers.

In the latter part of this month an unusual rainfall may be expected and floods will abound. It will therefore behove sheep farmers to remove their flocks to the hills, to prevent the foot disease which is sure to follow the neglect of precautionary measures.

Restlessness and Lawlessness.

Mercury ruler of the figure, in square to three malefics points to much restlessness and unsettlement in the land, violence and

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lawlessness, though possibly a more peaceful state of affairs will prevail towards the end of the quarter. The financial condition of the country will be bad, much fraud and swindling being denoted, and a good deal of sharp practice and thieving to be heard of. Accidents on railways and motor conveyances are likely, and the condition of the post office will not be very satisfactory. Saturn in the seventh house, is evil for our relations with other powers, and acts of treachery should be prepared for. The sextile of the sun to Jupiter, however, will mitigate any very evil tendencies, and uphold the honour of the country. The moon in the eighth presignifies many deaths among females and the common people, and some parliamentary men will join the great majority. Neptune in the tenth afflicted is evil for Royalty and titled people, and scandal in high life is denoted. Colonial affairs will be in good condition and their trade on the increase.

United States.

At Washington, the ingress takes place in the fourth house, with Jupiter in the second, and Mars exactly setting. This is ominous of disputes with other countries, and grave danger of war, and care will be required in this respect. Saturn in the ninth is not favourable for shipping interests, and some wrecks and loss of life are to be feared. Jupiter in the second is good for the revenue and trade and commerce will increase. In long. 85 W. Saturn culminates, pointing to the disgrace of some prominent persons in that locality.

Russia.

At St. Petersburg, Mercury rises in square to Mars in the fourth. This is indicative or much unrest among the people, rioting and bloodshed, and a plot against the ruling powers. Incendiarism will be rife among the people, and many outrages against authority will be committed. There will also be much suffering and privation among the lower orders, and a high rate of mortality among the aged.

India.

At Calcutta the ingress occurs in the tenth house, which is favourable for the Viceroy. The deaths from plague will be on the increase, and the financial condition of the country bad in the extreme, Saturn in the fourth presignifies a cold and inclement season, and threatens seismic troubles in 95° E. long.

Australia.

At Melbourne Mars will be in the twelfth, pointing to an increase of crime and outrages. The revenue of the Commonwealth will be deficient. Jupiter in the sixth is good for the health of the people and will benefit sheep farmers.

South Africa.

At Pretoria Neptune is culminating and Mars close to the lower meridian. This points to scandals in high places, and a danger of bush fires, and incendiarism. The health of the people will be disturbed, and there will be much sickness among the aged. Jupiter in the eleventh, sextile Venus and the Sun, points to an endeavour on the part of the Government to settle the affairs of the country in a satisfactory manner.

New Moon.

7th October, 1907, at 10h. 21m. a.m. The lunation falls on the place of Mercury in the quarterly figure. This points to much fraud and swindling, losses on 'change, and in the national exchequer, and many cases of thieving and robbery. The position of Mars is evil for theatres and music halls, and there will be danger of fires, and of scandals among artists. Cases of cruelty to children will be heard of. The position of Neptune points to many strange deaths, both of suicide and by drowning, and this planet in square to Venus in the eleventh is likely to cause a recrudescence of "Fooliganism." Mercury in sextile to Uranus is good for hospitals, and some scientific discoveries, possibly connected with obstetrics are probable. The weather for the month is likely to be cold and cheerless, with much down fall.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR OCTOBER, 1907.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	7th	... 10h. 21m. morn.
First Quarter,	14th	... 10h. 2m. morn.
Full Moon,	21st	... 9h. 16m. morn.
Last Quarter,	29th	... 7h. 51m. morn.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY will be an evening star throughout the month. It will be fairly well placed for observation from the 15th to 24th in the south-western sky. Position in the zodiac, 1st 24° 35′ ♎, enters ♏ on the 5th and remains therein all the month, 28° 58′ ♏ on 31st.

VENUS is just separating from conjunction with the Sun and will not be visible during the month. Position, 1st 11° 33′ ♎, enters ♏ on 16th, 31st 19° 1′ ♏.

MARS will be visible in the southern sky, low down, after sunset. Its position, 1st 23° 18′ ♑, enters ♒ on 13th, 31st 10° 56′ ♒.

JUPITER will be a morning star in Leo, rising about midnight. Its zodiacal position is from 8° 17′ to 12° 8′ of the sign Leo.

SATURN is an evening star in Pisces, well placed for observation. It is retrograde in the sign from 23° 1′ to 21° 13′

URANUS is in Capricorn, 8° 48′ on 1st to 9° 30′ on the 31st. It is barely visible to the naked eye.

NEPTUNE is stationary in the 15th degree of Cancer all the month. It is a telescopic planet.

THE SUN is in the sign Libra until the 24th when it enters Scorpio.

The Weather.

The month opens fine and warm, windy and variable from 3rd to 5th, stormy 6th, dull and changeable to 9th, high winds 10th, then variable with colder temperature to 16th, 17th to 20th wet and cold, 23rd stormy, end of month more settled with increase of temperature.

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Talismans and Charms.

OCCASIONALLY we hear through the unholy Press of modern instances of belief in Charms and Talismans; but very few people are aware of the extent to which this tradition holds sway over the enlightened minds of this century and race. It would not be far wrong to say that thousands of Talismans are sold every year to respectable citizens of our large cities. These Charms are very much *en vogue* in Paris, and a good price is paid in any part of Europe and America for a copy of a Talisman by one of the masters of the Middle Ages, such as Cornelius Agrippa. Those sold nowadays are exact copies of those contained in the now rare works of Rabbi Solomon, Rosenrath, Agrippa, Gadbury, Sibley, Eliphas Levi, and others, and are chiefly of Hebraic origin. They are mostly collected into a book on Talismans by "Raphael," and a succinct treatise of their nature, structure, and effects will be found in the "Little Book of Magic," by Sepharial.

The phylacteries worn by Mohammedan and Jewish women on the forehead and arm form but one phase of the universal and varied belief in Charms; and it may be said that the phylactery, as containing the Scripture principles of the Faith inscribed on vellum, is an example of the Charm in any and every form. Faith in its working efficacy is deemed to be essential.

This is certainly true of all Talismans that are copied from old patterns and constructed according to the rules of the Kabalistic Art. It was not the motive of ancient Kabalists to galvanize the popular faith by elaborate treatises upon the magic of numbers and the power of form. The Decalogue was sufficient for the people, and the faithful among them carried the Talisman between their eyes.

The Magic Squares and Pentacles of the Jewish Kabala were of a more elaborate nature and were received by tradition among the Initiates. To their construction the magician imported an intimate knowledge of Astrology and the working power of planetary influence in mundane things; a secret knowledge of the names and sigils of the celestial hierarchies, their powers and forms; and predominantly, the magical faculty of the human soul as expressed in the Will and Imagination. They made selection of times and places for their work, choosing the day and hour of that planet under which the Talisman was to be made, always taking care that the planet was suitably situated in the heavens by sign, house, and aspect, and making their operations in such surroundings as nature had sealed to the service of such work.

At this day there are few who are capable of constructing a Talisman after the manner of the Ancients, the traditions of the Kabala having been neglected or but superficially studied by those who should most cherish them—I mean Astrologers. In the same way the Doctrine of Election, *i.e.*, the choosing of fortunate times for performing any special work, has been thrown over by the majority of Astrologers in favour of a stereotyped belief in the efficacy of Directions, and hence many an evil thing has escaped conversion into something good.

I believe with Martin Tupper that there is "good in things evil," and the Astrologer, if anyone, should know how to extract that good from any circumstance.

Properly constructed by the Rules of the Art, the Talisman is worn upon the breast suspended by a thread of red silk and enclosed in a covering of black silk. No one is ever allowed to touch it or even to see it except the person for whom it is designed, and only when it has wrought its effect can it be discarded. Otherwise it loses its efficacy. This is the method of wearing the Talisman adopted by natives of almost all countries, including India. As to the invocation of spirits in connection with talismanic magic, it may be said at once that the act of making a Talisman is in itself an invocation. Faith does all the rest. Any number of Talismans may be worn at one and the same time without detriment, providing the planets under which they are constituted were in benefic aspect at the times of their construction.

Some time ago there was published a history of the famous Rothschild Talisman, which is an heirloom, and on the possession of which the stability of the fortunes of the family is believed to depend. It is in the form of a small gold casket, about the size of a snuff-box, but the secret of its power lies hidden in words inscribed within.

Napoleon I. was a great believer in the power of Charms, and constantly wore upon his body a Talisman given him by one of the Egyptian Priests after the Nile Expedition. Amulets, Charms, and Talismans are now largely in use on the Continent, and from all times have been greatly esteemed by the Arabs, the Persians, and the Hindoos, while in Africa, among the native tribes of the dark Continent, the Obeyah is as much in repute as the Medicine-man among the American Indians. Captain Welby reports that during his expedition to Abyssinia, he discovered living near lake Rudolf two races of giants and the people who inhabit the devil-possessed district of Walamo. He was himself a victim of the magical power of the Walamo, and he "was quite unable to explain the cause of this mysterious business." These people use magical powers in self-defence, and on that account no Abyssinian can be induced to approach the tribe after he has once had a taste of "Walamo."

Here and there, even in our own country, one comes across instances of bewitching by magical suspensions, and many an old crone round the countryside has but this means of self-defence or aggression left to her—the magical power of the "evil eye."

But the maker of Talismans relies upon the magical properties of *numbers* and of geometrical

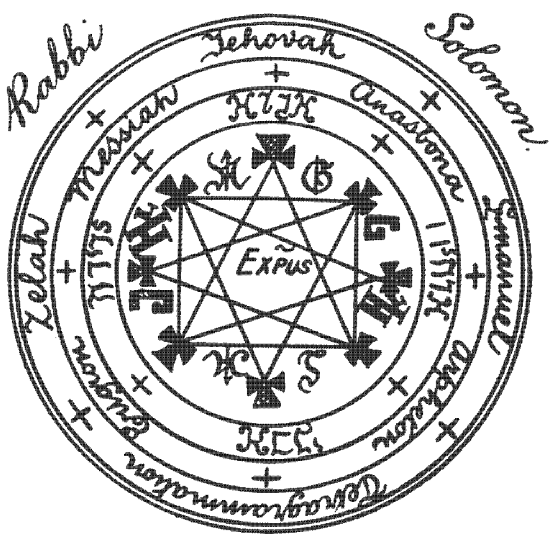
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forms, as expressive of certain active principles in Nature which he proposes to bring into operation. To these are added *words* having a power or sound composed of the letter values entering into their construction; and as by the Word or Logos the Universe was created, so by words in the mouth of man—the image of the Logos—certain powers and forces in Nature spring into activity. For it is not words that stir a man to anger, or to pity, or to love, but the spirit that ensouls the words, and of which the words are but the expression or embodiment. And because all human purpose comes into effect or falls void of effect by reason of the concurrence or opposition of stellar conditions, the Kabalist uses only such times and seasons for his work as are in agreement with the purpose in view; and good effects can only happen from the benign configurations of the planets and evil effects from evil configurations. Therefore all that is done under good influences from the sidereal word come eventually to good effect, but if that result is to endure, it must be fixed in some form or matrix which will hold it, as rain that falls from the earth is presently dissipated by absorption or evaporation, while that which is caught in a vessel is held to our use. As to the efficacy of such sigils and signs, Baron du Potet in his "Manual de l'Etudiant Magnetiseur," says of his own experience. "How did I come to find out that art? Where did I learn it? In my thoughts? No! it is Nature herself who discovered me the secret. And how? By producing before my own eyes, without waiting for me to search for them, indisputable facts of sorcery and magic. And what is it determines these attractions, these sudden impulses, these raving epidemics, antipathies, and crises, these convulsions which one can make durable? What, if not the very principle we employ, the agent so decidedly well known to the ancients? What you call nervous fluid or magnetism the men of old called occult force, the power of the soul, subjection, magic! An element existing in nature, unknown to most men, gets hold of a person and withers and breaks him down as the fearful hurricane does a bullrush. It scatters man far away, it strikes them in a thousand places at the same time without their perceiving the invisible foe or being able to protect themselves. All this is demonstrated. But that this element should choose friends and select favourites, obey their thoughts, answer to the human voice, and understand the meaning of traced signs, that is what people cannot realize and what their reason rejects, and that is what I saw; and I say it here most emphatically, that for me it is a truth and a fact demonstrated for ever!"

By whatever means, therefore, we would constrain Nature to our purposes, whether by sigil, charm, talisman, or invocation, it is only effected by the faith of the operator, aided by the will and imagination, which are the magical powers of the human soul. Imagination is the creative or formative power of the mind by which a matrix or mould is delivered to Nature for the reception of the vitalising element of the will. For of these faculties the imagination is female and receptive, while the will is masculine and projective. What in the common mind operates as desultory thought and desire, the thought taking form and the desire giving life to it, in the mind of the magican is replaced by an ardent imagination and conscious will directed to the creation of definite ends. And to this extent all lovers, all poets, all artists are magicans equally with the makers of empires and the reformers of the religious world. Only, when art supplements and fixes form and voice to the powers which reside in Nature, calling them forth to defined and determined uses, their efficacy is brought within the control of the human will, as powder and shot which have been wrested from the bowels of the earth and fashioned to the purpose. Finally we have to remember what Paracelsus wrote: "The power of the will and the intention of the soul is the main point in magic as in medicine. A man who wishes everybody well will produce good effects. One who begrudges everybody all that is good, and who hates himself, may experience *on his own person* the effects of his poisonous thought."

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Example Horoscopes for Students.

Death in Infancy.

No 1.—Girl, born 20th March, 1849, 11 a.m. Local time, in Lat. 51° 15′ N., Long. 1° 15′ E. Died of Dysentry, 7th October, 1849. R.A.M.C., 22h. 51m. 25s.

The figure given below is the horoscope of a female child, born at the time and locality named above. For the purpose of instruction we give the calculations for the erection of the figure. The time of birth is given as *local*, and the place being 1° 15′ E. long., shows that the corresponding Greenwich time is 5m. earlier, or 10.55 a.m., or 1hr. 5m. before noon. We therefore proceed as follows:—

	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.
Sid. Time, Noon, 20th March, 1849				23	51	36
Time of birth *before* noon	1	0	0			
Correction for Greenwich time before noon 1h. 5m.	0	0	11	1	0	11
These two amounts added together and subtracted from the Sid. Time, give				22	51	25

which is the right ascension of the Meridian at the time of birth. Referring to the tables of houses we find the several degrees on the cusps of the houses as indicated in the figure. The planets' places are then calculated from the Ephemeris for the Greenwich time, viz: 10.55 a.m.

The two particular points we wish to draw students' attention to are that the child died in infancy, living only six months and seventeen days, and to show from the horoscope how the rules of astrology are fully born out on this point, and also to note the directions operating at the time of death.

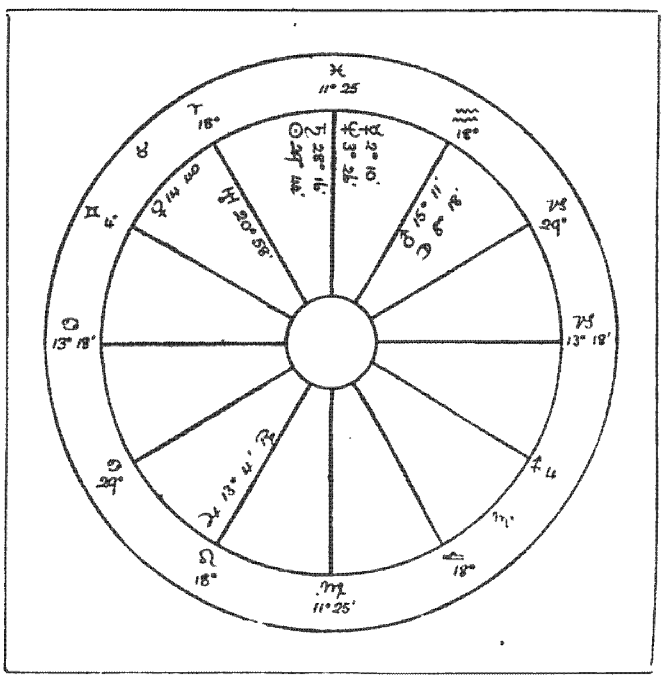
We will consider the death in infancy first of all. We find the sun in an angle conjoined with Saturn, ruler of the eighth house, ☐ ♀ and ☌ and ☍ ♄; the moon applying to the conjunction of Mars, square of Venus, opposition of Jupiter and semi-square of the sun and Saturn. The entire horoscope is a mass of evil aspects.

Now what say the text books on this point?

"If the sun or moon be angular, and if only one of the malefics be in conjuction with the sun or moon, the child dies in its infantine state."

That is precisely what we find here, the sun is angular and one malefic, Saturn is in conjunction with that luminary, therefore the child died in its infancy.

It is stated that the seventh hour after birth decides whether a child will live, according as the angles of the horoscope are afflicted. If we erect a figure for seven hours after birth of this child we shall find that the sun and Saturn are exactly setting, that Mars becomes ruler of the eighth house and is in the sixth, conjoined to the moon. So here we have definite evidence of the truth of this rule. Now as regards the directions operating at the death of the child. The date of death was 7th October, 1849, or the age of 6 months, 17 days, which is equivalent in time to 13h. 13m., which, if we add to the time of birth, gives 8 m. past twelve (midnight) on March 20th. If we erect a figure for this time, we shall find the sun and Saturn conjoined exactly on the cusp of the fourth house, and the moon ruling the eighth house, that of death in exact conjunction with Mars. If we now turn to the day of death we shall find Mars in the last degree of Gemini, exactly in square to the places of the sun and Saturn at birth, while at the actual moment of death, which was near midnight, the moon had reached the last degree of Gemini and was conjoined with Mars, exactly as the direction from the horoscope.



Thus we find in this particular case, that all the rules governing death in infancy, and the actual time of death under evil directions are exactly borne out.

Every month we shall give further illustrations from various horoscopes of other rules and principles of the science, and how they accurately determine both causes and events.

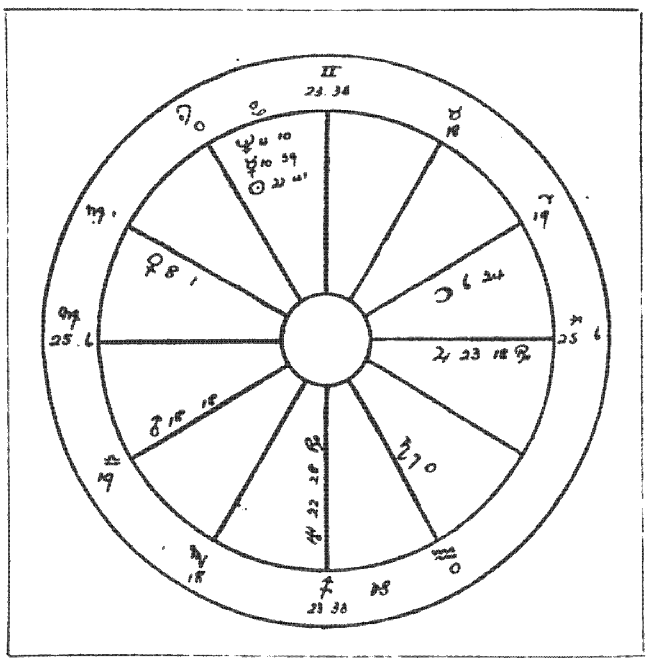
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Horary Astrology.

Dismissal from Position.

THE accompanying figure is set for the time of the opening of a letter, received by a manager from his employer, in which the latter demanded the resignation of the former from the position he occupied, and made a number of accusations against his character and ability.

The business was one of a mail order nature, a heavy post bag arriving every morning, and numerous postal orders for articles being received. The manager was a young man of ability, well up in his work, and had done considerable to increase the turnover. Immediately on receiving the letter he erected a figure for the time, in order to decipher the end of the matter. By the rules of horary astrology, the first house and its ruler signify the querent; the tenth and its ruler the business and also the querent's honour; the third house and its ruler the writer of the letter; the fourth house, its ruler, and the moon's application the end of the matter.



Referring to the map, the following is to be found, Virgo rises, and Mercury the ruler is in the tenth house in the sign Cancer, separating from Neptune and the square of the moon, and applying to the square of Mars. This signified that the querent was a man in an influential position, but surrounded on all sides by treachery, plots and underhand and secret attacks. Gemini on the tenth, and Mercury ruler, placed in the tenth, denoted that he was held in high esteem in his profession, but his honour was being secretly attacked, and that plots and schemes were being made to bring about his downfall.

Scorpio on the third, with Mars the ruler of the sign, denoted the writer of the letter. He was unfriendly toward the querent, (♂ □ ☿) and was desirous of depriving him of his position. In the letter he had written he demanded the querent's resignation and had made accusations against him (☿ ruler of the 1st and 10th). (Note ☿ Elevated above ♂ and ☽ the two afflicting planets).

Jupiter lord of the fourth, in square to Uranus in the fourth, denoted that the end would be disaster for the querent, and the moon applying to the square of Mercury by four degrees, from cardinal signs and angles, denoted that he would be dismissed from his position in four days from the receipt of the letter, which was actually the case.

There are a few other points of interest in the map, which will repay attention. Venus in Virgo in the twelfth was an indication of enmity from a female in an inferior position and this was verified by the fact that one was actually making accusations against the querent. Moreover, as the third house represented the master, the ninth ruled by Venus denoted his wife, who was trying to influence her husband.

For instructive purposes, let us take this figure and judge it according to the text book rules, in answer to the query, "Shall I lose my situation?" The first and its lord are for the querent, and the tenth and its lord for the place.

Simmonite says, "If the moon, . . . be in evil aspect to the lord of the tenth, . . . danger of losing office." In the map we find Moon square Mercury ruler of the tenth house. Again, "Lord of the first separating from lord of the tenth and applying to . . . Mars, sure to go." In the map we have Mercury, ruler of the first, separating from square of the Moon, part ruler of the tenth, and applying to square of Mars. Again, "Lords of the first and tenth in evil aspect." Mercury square Moon is shown in the map, so that the recognised text book rules denoted that the querent would lose his situation.

The moon's application is always considered as the end of the matter, and in this case it is four degrees from the square of Mercury. Simmonite says that cardinal signs and angles denote "days," and the aspect happening in the positions, it came to pass that four days later the querent was actually dismissed from the position he occupied, notwithstanding his conscientious conduct and application to the employer's interests.

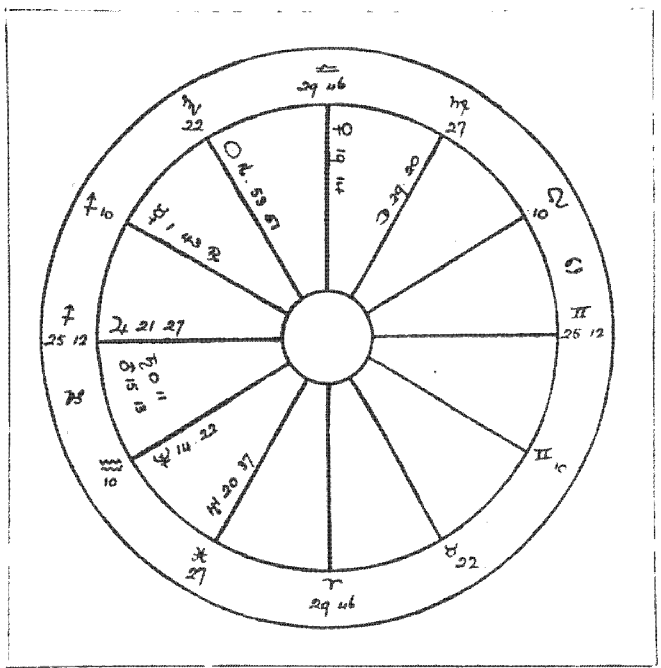
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

1.—His Majesty King Edward VII.

HIS MAJESTY, King Edward VII. was born at Buckingham Palace on November 9th, 1841, and according to the Bulletin time of 10.49 a.m. We, however, present the horoscope for 10.37 a.m. as it agrees with the facts known concerning the actual birth moment, and with the rectification obtained by the latest discoveries in the science.

At the time of birth the sign Sagittarius ascended, with Jupiter the ruler just risen, Saturn and Mars just below the ascendant in Capricorn. The sun is rising toward the meridian, in sextile to Mars and trine to Uranus, a ready explanation of the great popularity he enjoys. Jupiter rising gives a genial, good humoured disposition, refinement, a high sense of honour, and makes him a wise and just ruler. The rising position of Saturn adds gravity to the demeanour, a serious and contemplative tendency, and enables him to assume that dignity and responsibility which his position demands.



The sun's position give dignity, diplomacy, keen perception and judgment, reserve and prudence, and the ability to go about his work with silent persistence, which is the stepping stone to success. The sun's sextile to Mars gives enterprise and ambition, authority and determination, and stimulates the expansive and pushful tendencies. He will always be desirous of his country's good. As Mars is rising, there will be a tendency to stand on his dignity, to be firm, and to carry his schemes, if not by tact—with which he is so readily endowed—with the necessary authority and force, which will not be denied. The King is essentially a peacemaker, but once the call to arms is made, he will use his power unsparingly for the success of his country.

The moon entering Libra gives him a genial and courteous disposition, a love of all that is refined and beautiful, art, music, and the like. He has good powers of perception and intuition and a love of order and method, while one particular trait is that he can be all things to all men. This luminary's position in the ninth, enables him to take a philosophical attitude toward life, and gives a love of travel and change, which is beneficial in many senses as it improves his mental powers. It is of great interest to note, that our King's travels of late years have been to the neighbouring powers of Europe for the settlement of differences, for making treaties and agreements, and the moon's position—just entering Libra, the sign concerned with all such matters—is prominently brought out in this respect.

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We do not wish to weary our readers with a too long description of our King's character and capabilities, as we know that many are anxious to know what is foreshadowed in the horoscope in the near future.

The major direction at the present time is the sun to the conjunction of Mars, which measures to the last six months of this year, and appears to be verified by the troubles in India, Mars being in Capricorn, the sign governing that country. What is more important in this respect is the total eclipse of the sun of January 3rd next, which falls on the place of Mars at the King's birth, and there certainly appears indications of grave international troubles, warlike tendencies, as well as personal danger and ill-health. When the horoscopes of the rulers of some of the other great powers are taken in conjunction with this, the outlook appears still less promising, and 1908 is likely to be a year of important events and international disputes, in which this country cannot expect to escape scatheless.

We cannot leave this horoscope without calling attention to an exceedingly interesting point. Many students of astrology will not be disposed to admit that Mars is the chief planet in our King's horoscope, but it is a fact that all the chief events of his life have occurred on Tuesday, which is the day of Mars. He was born, baptised, and married; appointed a Privy Councillor; taken ill with typhoid fever; the thanksgiving service for his recovery; his accession to the throne, Royal Standard was first hoisted at Marlborough house; operated for appendicitis—all on a Tuesday, and Tuesday is the day of Mars. Surely this must be more than a coincidence.

MR. GEORGE WILDE has, at our request, agreed to supply any of our readers or subscribers with a true horoscope map, with all the planetary positions properly marked out, also the key numbers plainly written for easy reference, thus enabling everybody to read their own horoscope in a few minutes. The fee is only 2s. 6d.; or 5s. for the horoscope, the Key, and the Key numbers complete. "The Key to your Horoscope" is sold separately for preliminary study when desired. Price 2s. 6d.

The Daily Guide for Ladies.

1	28 ♋ 59	Take no journeys, keep quiet and avoid correspondence.
2	10 ♌ 53	An excellent day for social affairs, calls, love affairs, and marriage.
3	22 57	Unfavourable day for all things up to 6 p.m. Then attend to letters, etc.
4	5 ♍ 16	Unfavourable in morning. Pay calls and travel afternoon and evening.
5	17 51	An evil day for social intercourse. Keep quiet.
6	0 ♎ 44	Morning unfavourable. Afternoon read and attend to correspondence.
7	13 55	Do nothing until evening. After 6 p.m. influences are good.
8	27 23	Keep quiet during the morning. Attend to social matters afternoon.
9	11 ♏ 4	Travel in the morning—make no calls. Evening is favourable.
10	24 55	The afternoon and evening are good for practical undertakings.
11	8 ♐ 52	A good day for social duties, pay calls, visit friends, &c.
12	22 54	Good in afternoon and evening for social calls, and love affairs.
13	6 ♑ 59	Avoid journeys in the afternoon. Write letters in the evening.
14	21 4	Keep very quiet in the morning. Ask favours in the evening.
15	5 ♒ 10	An evil day for all things. Avoid travelling and visiting.
16	19 16	Morning: Make appointments. Afternoon: Ask favors.
17	3 ♓ 19	Pay visits, deal with ladies. The evening is good for pleasure.
18	17 19	Attend to business before 1 p.m., after that remain quiet.
19	1 ♈ 11	Keep quiet in the morning. Make purchases later.
20	14 53	A doubtful day. Keep quiet all through.
21	28 21	An evil day for all things. Safeguard the health.
22	11 ♉ 32	Morning doubtful. Evening good for business.
23	24 24	Avoid disputes and leave letters and business alone.
24	6 ♊ 58	Morning: travel and make purchases. Evening: Social matters.
25	19 15	An evil day for all matters. Keep very quiet.
26	1 ♋ 18	Ask favours, write letters, Travel in the afternoon.
27	13 11	Courting and marriage before 3 p.m. Business after 6 p.m.
28	24 59	Ask favours in the morning. Pay calls in the evening.
29	6 ♌ 47	An evil day for all things up to 7 p.m.
30	18 42	Evil for pleasure in the morning. Social calls in the evening.
31	0 ♍ 47	Evil for correspondence and journeys. Ask favours afternoon and evening.

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"But the visitor was not at all impressed. He said, with a laugh:

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Old Moore's Address to his Readers

DEAR FRIENDS, it has been brought to my notice that in the higher circles of Society (unless I am borrowed from the kitchen or surreptitiously taken out of the pocket for private perusal) I am, in my humble garb of a penny or twopenny almanack, seldom permitted to shine forth (as I am told I ought to) in the upper parts of the mansion. This has determined me to put on once a month a fashionable coat; not exactly a court suit but garments that will shew due respect to my new clientéle. That I have always had a temporary resting place, yes, even in the most fashionable quarters, is well known to all; for the many kindly notices and good-natured though facetious criticisms in most of the world's newspapers and magazines is proof beyond doubt. But the present day is an era of journalism, and the tired man of business wants his evening arm-chair companion, the matron and the miss want their chatty journalistic after-lunch literary reviver; all want amusement and relaxation from the weary round of daily toil, or quiet from the world of pleasure. The traveller also on a journey wants a pleasant hand-encumbrance and congenial referee; even the grumbler wants something or someone to grumble at. Well, my friends, OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER shall be all these, at your service! If you have pleasant smiles he will take them cheerily; if you have a dyspeptic touch and make sarcastic remarks he will look meek, as though he were sorry; if you find relief in a grumble, or worse, place him down and stamp on him; he will not turn like the worm, but meekly submit, for he has always advocated the freedom of the Press, and you, having duly invested your twopence, are entitled to *press* your heel. But Old Moore would prefer the pressure of the heart; and, methinks, there may be some of the gentle sex who will exercise their rights in that direction. Old Moore will use all diligence and take the greatest pains to serve up monthly a tempting dish of many kinds. There will be a full meal for all; and, what is more, you will be able out of the many courses to suit your palate to the provided food, be your appetite ever so keen. There will be the substantial roast for the one who means business, the dainty fowl for the delicate, and sweets of all kinds for the ladies who revel in the lighter realms of fantastic foods.



Permit me then to ask all who see these lines to receive me kindly and become subscribers by sending 3s. to the publishers, which will secure one copy being posted regularly for 12 months. I hope many will send a copy to friends in the country and abroad. In conclusion, I present my thanks beforehand, fully anticipating your kind patronage.

OLD MOORE OF PILGRIM STREET.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

OF all the sciences known since the world began, there are none which conduce more to the welfare of the human race than the much derided and, it may be truthfully said, little understood science of Astrology. The uses of the science, from a practical standpoint, are so numerous and varied that it would require almost a volume to record the many instances in which success could be obtained, and worry and trouble averted, by a knowledge of its laws. It will help us to avoid pitfalls, to overcome obstacles; by an understanding of its principles we can foresee the periods of good and bad fortune, and so generally follow the line of least resistance, that the path of our life may be smooth and free from difficulties, and in the words of Mr. Justice Blackstone, that we may "pursue our own true and substantial happiness."

The astral philosophy fully and clearly points out the manner in which this may be done, and the one main principle underlying it all is that of "Self-knowledge." The one most important, and greatest use of the science, therefore, is the wonderful light it lets in upon our own nature; our character and disposition, our mental powers and capabilities; our moral and physical strength and weakness; and only by this knowledge can we hope to pursue our "true and substantial happiness."

What this happiness really is, has ever been a *vexata questio* in philosophy, but it apparently seems to consist in the harmonious gratification of our faculties, the essence of which being *activity*. From this it appears that a proper understanding of one's powers and capabilities, together with a continual activity of the various faculties of our being, are the first steps to the acquisition of this desideratum.

Writing on the *utility* of the science, Claudius Ptolemy, in the third chapter of the Tetrabiblos, remarks as follows:—"If it be said in what respect and with what view it is proposed to draw advantage from the science;—if it be considered in its tendency to promote the good of the mind, no object more advantageous can surely be wanting to induce the world to rejoice and delight in it, since it offers an acquaintance with things divine and human: if it be considered in respect to the benefits it is capable of conferring on the body, its utility, in this view also, will be found on comparison to excel that of all other arts conducive to the comforts of life, for it is of more general application and service than all the others put together."

A more modern writer, Dr. Simmonite, in the preface to his "Arcana of Astrology," states:—"The science . . . . . is the most ancient as to its antiquity, the most sublime as to its application, for it leads the benevolent mind from Nature up to Nature's God; it is the most moral branch, nay, most virtuous of natural or physical philosophy; it is second to none as to its utility and divinity . . . . The science assures us that the earth we inhabit is but a small and inconsiderable part of a glorious fabric, since there are almost infinite worlds, created by a Supreme Being, which are prodigiously large, and that they all work harmoniously and sympathetically together in the disposing and governing of which the same Being exercises His infinite power and wisdom. Nor is there any knowledge, attained by the light of Nature, that gives us juster ideas of this great Being, or furnishes us with stronger arguments by which to demonstrate his existence and attributes. . . . ."

Now, as our purpose in these pages is to demonstrate fully, in separate articles, the various matters and things, both as regards ourselves, our bodies, and our temporal and material conditions, on which the science throws light and guidance, we cannot do better than enumerate them and briefly dwell thereon.

We have already commented on the utility of the science in the development of character, and this is the chief of its many uses. Next comes its utility as regards health. It will tell us the strength and weakness of our constitutions, the various ailments and accidents particular to our natures. It will advise on habits, diet, etc., and combined with medical and herbal knowledge will prescribe for us when our systems are run down, and, in other words, will tell us how to live healthy lives.

In regard to our temporal and material conditions, it will guide as to the proper line of life to take, the best profession or occupation, whether to adopt a business professional life, be our own master, or work as a subordinate. Whether such occupation or profession is conducive to financial gain, and the best methods of earning a living, together with our general success from a monetary point of view, are all matters on which the utility of the science is paramount.

In the question of marriage its utility is beyond dispute. It will guide as to the choice of a partner, one whose character and disposition will harmonise with our own, and how many of the quarrels and inharmonies of marital life may be avoided.

It will guide us in the choice of friends, marking out those who are to be trusted, and who avoided; point out the best part of the world for success, and happiness, and so forth.

Finally, its utility as regards our future life and actions cannot be too lighty ignored. It will point out the good and evil periods, the changes of circumstance and environment, the periods of illhealth and bereavement, and show us how, by a thorough understanding of our natures, we can so live and act as to be ready for all emergencies, and, as it were, control to a certain extent what is before us.

These, briefly, are some of the most important matters on which the science of Astrology is able to give us help and assistance. In each succeeding issue of the MESSENGER we shall take up one of the subjects, and explain and illustrate how these benefit may be derived.

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Influences of the Planets.

IN EARLY TIMES the "planets," as the heavenly bodies belonging to our solar system are called, were the chief study of the wise of all nations; and among the Egyptians, Hindus, Chinese, and more especially the Chaldeans, the science was so perfected that by careful observation of the planets—which, of course, include the earth—events in the lives of individuals and of nations became predictable with almost unerring accuracy. In Europe, however, owing to the development of the science of astronomy—which, after all, is but daughter of the ancient science — astrology for practical purposes had until recently very largely ceased to be cultivated; nevertheless, it is impossible to ignore the fact that there are present with us unmistakeable signs of a revived interest in planetary study, upon which the following observations on the planets and their influences will be found very useful.



Old Moore at the World's Service.

MERCURY (☿).—This planet is too near the sun to be seen with any great advantage, being frequently quite invisible. The moon excepted, it is astrologically the most important planet in the system, and, according to his position and configurations, the ruling of the rational and intellectual powers depend. The best evidence of high intellectual organisation is Mercury in sextile or trine to the moon. He is the source of wit, ingenuity, invention, discovery, and skill in science or literature. He also causes madness, apoplexy, vertigo, head aches, stammering, dumbness, tumours in the head, coughs, and rheumatic and gouty affections. Mercury is much influenced by the aspects of the other planets, and, in forming a judgment, all these must receive due consideration; in judging the mind the ascendant must always be considered.

VENUS (♀).—This planet is nearly as large as our earth, and is the brightest star in the heavens, giving a beautiful clear bluish light, and, at times, casting a sensible shadow. When conjoined or configurated with the mental ruler she infuses a soft poetic refinement into the organisation, as seen in the higher order of polite arts, or that exquisite taste and genius seen in poets, musicians, painters, and influences the higher and more refined enjoyments of life. When rising at birth she gives elegance of expression and demeanour. She exercises a great influence upon the social conditions of life, and when well situated produces a mild, kind, engaging, and cheerful temperament, with a love of music, amusement, and elegance: but when afflicted, shamefulness and depravity. She must always be considered in the nativities of either sex as regards courtship and marriage.

MARS (♂).—The ruddy hue of Mars renders it unlikely this orb can be mistaken for any other among the silvery host above. When he influences the disposition with favourable aspects he tends to make one bold, fearless, quarrelsome, violent, unyielding, delighting in war, yet generous; but when he

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operates unfavourably produces a disposition prone to quarrels, treachery, and nearly all kinds of wickedness. He also produces hot and violent diseases, particularly in the head, face, mind, and veins. His houses are Aries and Scorpio, and his influence is sympathetic with that of the sun, but antagonistic with that of the moon.

JUPITER (♃).—This magnificent and stupendous planet is the largest of our system, being attended by four splendid satellites, one being nearly as large as our globe. Jove or Jupiter is esteemed the *greater fortune*, and is the author of justice, moderation, temperance, and the chief source of good. When influencing the mind favourably the person is noble, frank, just, honourable, and temperate; while his ill effects are chiefly experienced in pecuniary losses or waste, the result of the person's disposition and constitution of mind as well as the disrespect of superior personages, etc.

Saturn (♄).—The pale dusky orb of Saturn is surrounded by a double ring and eight moons. When Saturn is favourable the mind is acute, subtle, penetrating, but austere, reserved, and often ungenerous, patient, laborious, and courteous; if unfavourable, the mind is sordid, suspicious, and deeply malicious. Saturn's influence is generally evil, and if any good ever arises from his aspects it is frequently allied with some untoward condition. Persons whose nativities are afflicted by him commonly have bad teeth.

HERSCHEL OR URANUS (♅).—This planet is the cause of most unexpected and extraordinary events, and is considered as decidedly evil in his nature, yet he is frequently the cause of many important benefits, sometimes peculiar in their development. When afflicted or badly placed in the horoscope this orb is peculiarly inimical to courtship and marriage. If in good aspect with the Moon and Mercury he develops a profound enquiry into Nature's secrets, producing an inquisitive mind with powers for argument and deep research. He is attended by six satellites, but appears a very small star to the naked eye, and a telescope is necessary to see the best of him.

Love, Marriage & Destiny

THE following chart or tablet from "Merlin's Love Oracle" is believed to be, like many others, of Egyptian origin and used for many centuries by gipsies, who are of course called gipsies in abbreviation of Egyptians. It is worked by pinpricks or blindfold markings if the tablet is on a large scale. In the key are three diviners or answering tablets, one for good fortune, one for bad fortune, and



one for the fate of all born according to the day of the week. As part of the work there is the Great Love Oracle, or future destiny foretold, interpreting all questions upon the different events and situations of life, but more especially those relating to love, courtship, and marriage. The price of the book is 6d., postage 1d., and may be obtained from W. Foulsham & Co., 4, Pilgrim Street, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

If a coat of paint were applied to the skin of a human being, death would ensue in five hours.

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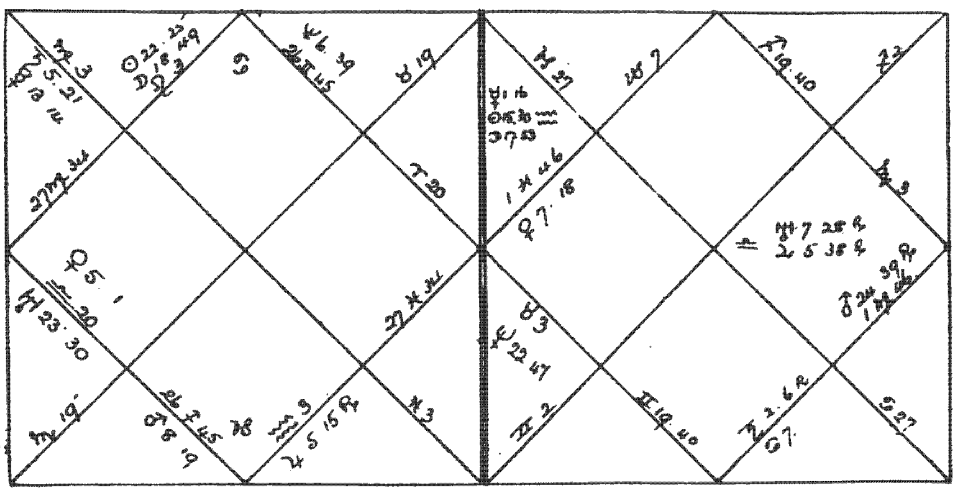
Horoscopes of Celebrities.

THE SISTERS DARE.

TO readers of OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER, there will doubtless be more than usual interest in the horoscopes of two of the youngest and most accomplished theatrical stars, the Misses Phyllis and Zena Dare.

The horoscope of the younger is probably the better of the two, she was born with the last decanate of Virgo rising, with Venus very close to the ascendant in Libra. Her talents and abilities in the dramatic art are promise much popularity, and sudden and unexpected benefits.

Her sister, Zena, has not such a fortunate and promising horoscope. The luminaries are in square to Neptune, a too often indication of misplaced affection, while from the position of the planet Neptune, she will be liable to suffer fraud and theft where money is concerned. Saturn close to the fifth house should make her careful in her dealings with the other sex, and not to give her



MISS PHYLLIS DARE,
15th August, 1890, 8.23 a.m.

MISS ZENA DARE,
4th February, 1886, 8.20 a.m.

exceptionally fine. Both the luminaries being in the sign Leo, in sextile to Uranus, denote a lasting popularity, great magnetic attraction, and a successful life generally. Mercury her ruler, will give her plenty of discrimination. She is likely to make a brilliant marriage, very likely to one of title, but it seems that there will be some love affair or attachment which will be broken off (note Jupiter ruler of the seventh, retrograde in the fifth). She will have friends in high position in life, even among Royalty, as both the luminaries are in the Regal sign Leo, in the eleventh house. She is at present under fairly good influences, which

affections too readily, for she is both faithful and constant. Three planets retrograde in the seventh are not good for marriage, and point to heavy losses in litigation. She, like her sister, is passing under favourable influences, which are likely to enhance her reputation, and bring popularity and social success. It is interesting to compare the two horoscopes. In both we find Venus rising, one in Libra, her special dignity, and the other in Pisces her exaltation, both of which positions give charming personalities. In both cases we find the births occurred at new moon, one being in Leo the other in Aquarius.

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The Science of Palmistry.

FOR this purpose, the left hand is always the one chosen, it being supposed that the heart and brain have more influence over it than its fellow. The art of palmistry is no guess-work, as many persons suppose—but is founded upon and determined by simple rules and long observation.

The practical part of palmistry, is that which gathers probable predictions from lines, the places of the planets in the hand, and from the notes and characters everywhere pointed and marked out in the hands and fingers. Our readers will therefore be careful to let the following rules be duly observed:—

In the first place each finger has its name.

(1)	Forefinger:	Jupiter	♃
(2)	Middle finger:	Saturn	♄
(3)	Ring finger:	The Sun	☉
(4)	Little finger:	Mercury	☿
(5)	Thumb:	Venus	♀

Each hand has five main lines.

(1)	The Life line:	Vitalis.
(2)	The Natural Line:	Naturalis.
(3)	The Table line:	Mensalis.
(4)	The Liver line:	Hepatica.
(5)	The Wrist line:	Rascetta.

(*See Engraving.*)

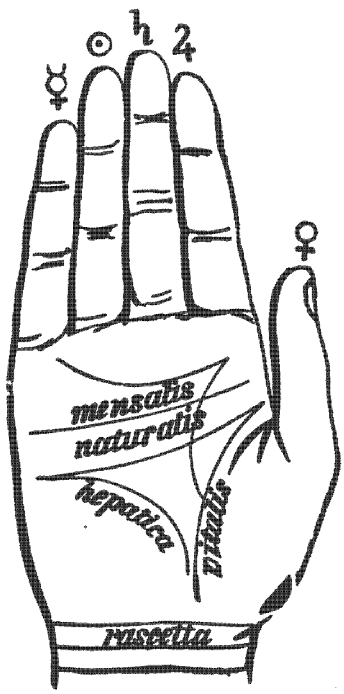
1. VITALIS; OR THE LINE OF LIFE.

The principal line in the hand is called *Vitalis*, or the line of Life.

This being broad, of a lively colour, and decently drawn in its bounds, without intersections and points, shows the party long lived, and subject but to few diseases.

If slender, short, and dissected with obverse little lines, and deformed either by a pale or black colour, it presageth weakness of the body, sickness, and a short life.

If the line of Life is anywhere broken it threatens extreme danger of life in that part of the age which the break in the line shows. The line of Life begins between ♃ and ♀ (the thumb and forefinger), and the length of life is in proportion to the length of the line of Life. If you wish to find out the dangerous years of your age, you must divide the line into seventy parts, and commence to count the number of divisions, beginning from Rascetta, or Wrist line, and



the number falling where the line is broken shows your unlucky or unhealthy year.

In most cases, one or more lines run from the Natural line to the line of Life. This indicates the partner of one's life. The point where the junction takes place denotes the point of time of the marriage. If this occurs near the commencement of the line, of course the marriage will take place early in life. If two lines unite with the line of Life, it indicates two husbands (or wives). If no line joins it, the person will remain unmarried.

(To be continued.)

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First Lesson in Elementary Astrology

TO enable our readers to cast their own horoscope we give below a full table of astronomical signs and abbreviations which must be thoroughly learned before any attempt in this direction can be successfully made. The following explanation of aspects will be found very useful to the beginner:—Conjunction (☌). A planet is in conjunction with another when both have the same longitude. Sextile (⚹). A planet is said to be in sextile with another when their sextile (⚺), 30 deg.; Semi-square (∠), 45 deg.; Quintile (Q), 72 deg.; Sesquiquadrate (⚼), 135 deg.; and the Bi-quintile (Bq.), 144 deg. These latter aspects, however, are not nearly so powerful in effect as the former.

The usefulness of the above lesson will be apparent at once if you refer to an astrological almanack of the current year for present events, or for the year of birth if you are casting your own or other horoscope. There you will see under the date the aspects of the

THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

1.	♈	*Aries* ...	...	Fiery ...	Masculine	...	Bilious	Hot and Dry.
2.	♉	*Taurus*	...	Earthy ...	Feminine	...	Nervous	Cold and Dry.
3.	♊	*Gemini*	...	Airy ...	Masculine	...	Sanguine ...	Hot and Moist.
4.	♋	*Cancer*	...	Watery...	Feminine	...	Lymphatic ...	Cold and Moist.
5.	♌	*Leo* ...	...	Fiery ...	Masculine	...	Bilious	Hot and Dry.
6.	♍	*Virgo*	...	Earthy ...	Feminine	...	Nervous	Cold and Dry.
7.	♎	*Libra*	...	Airy ...	Masculine	...	Sanguine ...	Hot and Moist.
8.	♏	*Scorpio*	...	Watery...	Feminine	...	Lymphatic ...	Cold and Moist.
9.	♐	*Sagittarius*	...	Fiery ...	Masculine	...	Bilious	Hot and Dry.
10.	♑	*Capricorn*	...	Earthy ...	Feminine	...	Nervous	Cold and Dry.
11.	♒	*Aquarius*	...	Airy ...	Masculine	...	Sanguine ...	Hot and Moist.
12.	♓	*Pisces*	...	Watery...	Feminine	...	Lymphatic ...	Cold and Moist.

♈ the Ram, ♉ the Bull, ♊ the Twins, ♋ the Crab, ♌ the Lion, ♍ the Virgin, ♎ the Scales, ♏ the Scorpion, ♐ the Archer, ♑ the Goat, ♒ the Water Bearer, ♓ the Fishes.
Movable Signs: ♈, ♋, ♎, ♑. Double Bodied Signs: ♊, ♓, and the first half of ♐. Equinoctial Signs: ♈ and ♎. Tropical Signs: ♋ and ♑.

THE PLANETS.

1.	♆	*Neptune* ...	The Body ...	Cold and Moist...	Nervous	Fruitful ... ...
2.	♅	*Herschel* ...	The Brain ...	Cold and Dry ...	Nervous	Barren ... ...
3.	♄	*Saturn* ...	The Bones ...	Earthy	Nervous	Barren ... ...
4.	♃	*Jupiter* ...	The Blood ...	Hot and Moist ...	Sanguine ...	Fruitful ... ...
5.	♂	*Mars* ...	The Gall ...	Fiery	Bilious	Barren ... ...
6.	☉	*Sun* ...	The Heart ...	Hot and Dry ...	Bilious	Barren ... ...
7.	♀	*Venus* ...	The Flesh ...	Cold and Moist...	Sanguine ...	Fruitful ... ...
8.	☿	*Mercury* ...	The Brain ...	Cold and Dry ...	Nervous	Barren ... ...
9.	☽	*Moon* ...	The Bowels...	Watery	Phlegmatic ...	Fruitful ... ...

RULES

⊕ Earth. ☊ Dragon's Head. ☋ Dragon's Tail.

difference of longitude is 60 deg. Square (□). Two heavenly bodies are in square aspect when their difference of longitude is 90 deg. Trine (△). Two heavenly bodies are in trine aspect when their difference of longitude is 120 deg. Opposition (☍). Two heavenly bodies are in mutual opposition when their difference of longitude is 180 deg. (half the circle). Two bodies are in parallel (P) declination when their declinations are the same, whether north or south. There are minor aspects, viz.:—Semi-

sun and planets and aspects of the moon, which will denote at once to you the favourable and unfavourable times in your life, and further than this if you obtain Raphael's "Ephemeris" you will see the good and bad aspects, for there are scores of times in the course of a year when one does not know how to act or what to do. An "Everyday Guide" is simply a rough forecast of what should be done. The time of each planetary aspect is carefully calculated and put into a table, and published in the "Ephemeris."

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The table shows whether the influence is good, bad, or doubtful, thus:—

A large G shows the influence to be good.
A small g ,, ,, to be slightly good.
A large B ,, ,, to be bad.
A small b ,, ,, to be slightly bad.
D, or no letter at all, shows that it is doubtful, or not applicable to the events of daily life.

The way to use it:—If you receive any letter, hear any news, have anything offered to you to buy, anyone taken suddenly ill, or any other event that may happen, see the time when you first hear about it, refer to the table, and see of what nature the influence is that happens next.

For instance, suppose on January 4th I receive a letter containing important news, or an important proposal, which I read at 8 a.m., I turn to the table and find that the first influence after 8 a.m. occurs at 11.3 a.m. and is G, or good; it is also followed by another good one at 6.16 p.m., consequently the news or proposals will, in all probability, turn out successful or beneficial. But suppose it was 8 a.m. on February 3rd, I turn to the table and find an influence at 10.22 a.m., which is B, or bad, consequently the news or proposals will not turn out satisfactorily, and had better be left alone.

Suppose a person comes to me on January 21st at noon, and wants me to buy something, or proposes something new to me, I turn to the table and find at 2.12 p.m. there is a large G, which shows that the proposal is favourable, or that I may buy; but if the same thing occurred on the 29th, I find the influence is bad, and consequently I should leave everything alone.

If the influence is signified by a small letter, use great care, as it is of a weak nature, also if a little g is followed by a large B; but a small b followed by a large G shows a little trouble at first, then that the matter will turn out favourable in the end.

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Answers to Correspondents

ON this page we propose each month to deal with questions arising from time to time from the various articles published, and to help and advise students of astrology and occult science with their difficulties. Queries of general interest only will be dealt with, and every endeavour made to reply to all queries and communications. Frivolous, sentimental, and personal communications will be ignored.

No charge will be made for replies, but correspondents requiring a reply by post, must enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Correspondents should use a *non-de-plume* for publication, but must in every case give their full name and address as a token of *bona-fides*. All communications should be written on one side of the paper only. Correspondents desiring private calculations and advice from horoscopes will not be answered on this page. Their attention is called to the scale of charges for astrological judgment and advice issued by our professional advertisers.

ASTOR writes: "Does not the precession of the equinoxes, the retrograde motion of the zodiac, causing the stars which were formerly in Aries to be now in Taurus, overthrow the foundations of the science?"

This is a question which has more than once been asked in astrological journals, and is one which arises out of a misconception of the science. Astrology deals with the "signs" of the zodiac and not with the stars forming the "constellations." The circle of the zodiac is divided into twelve equal parts of 30° each, and commences with the sign Aries. The twelve constellations bearing the same names as the signs are irregular groups, and are unequal in size. If we were to place the first degree of the sign Aries at the commencement of the constellation of the same name, some of the former would overlap the latter. Astrology does not concern itself with the constellations, but, as first stated, with the twelve signs.

ANTI-OCCULT writes: "Are you in agreement with the presentation of astrology grounded upon a theosophical and occult basis?"

This is a point which must be left entirely to students. Those who are interested in theosophy will find a close connection between it and astrology, but at the same time a knowledge of the former is not necessary in order to properly understand the science. Personally, we are of opinion that the scientific aspect of astrology requires a thorough and systematic investigation, and those who pose as teachers of the science and are neglecting this are a long way from fulfilling their duties to the many thousands of students who look to them for light and guidance.

[NOTE.—This being the first issue of the MESSENGER the above questions and answers are inserted as examples of the subjects we propose to deal with on this page.—EDITOR].

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Birthday Influences during October.

And the Fate of any Child born during the Month.

1. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♋, □ ☿. A year of many worries and annoyances. Be very guarded in correspondence, and in dealings with the young. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, sharp and intelligent, but exaggerative and over keen.

2. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, ✱ ☉, ☌ ♃, ✱ ♀. A prosperous anniversary, success in business, and promotion in employ. Much pleasure through the opposite sex. A child born on this day will have many opportunities to rise in life, and obtain success and promotion.

3. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♌, ✱ ☿. A year of many troubles and unforeseen anxieties. Evil for business and general success. Danger of law and disputes. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, and have many unfavourable experiences and disasters.

4. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, △ ♅. Many changes will occur during the year. Be careful in money matters and with the other sex, for disappointment is shown. A child born on this day will be restless and changeable, would do best in employ of others, but should deal carefully with the other sex.

5. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♍, ✱ ♆, ☍ ♄. The health and domestic affairs will occasion much worry and anxiety. Avoid cold and chill and keep quiet. A child born on this day will not make much progress in life. Its health will be delicate, and it should remain in the employ of others.

6. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, △ ☌. A generally prosperous and active year is shown, with changes and travelling. The health will require care, however. A child born on this day will be active and business-like, ambitious and progressive, and will be generally fortunate in life.

7. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎, □ ♅, ✱ ♃, ☌ ☉, □ ♆, ☌ ♀. A year of many strange vicissitudes, unlooked for disasters and a general break up of existing conditions, out of which good will result. A child born on this day will have a hard passage through life, will be of a weak constitution and come to a premature end.

8. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♎, P ♄, □ ☌, p ☉. p ♀. Many troubles and vexations, danger of ill health and accidents, benefits from superiors, and outlook brightens toward end of year. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, and will be unsuccessful in business. If born in the p.m. a brighter lot will be his.

9. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♏, ☌ ☿, ✱ ♅, □ ♃, △ ♆. An active year mentally, travel and changes, a change of consciousness denoted. Expenses will run high. A child born on this day will be clever and ingenious, much too extravagant, and generally unsettled in nature and disposition.

10. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♏, △ ♄, p ☿, ✱ ☌. A successful year, new responsibilities, much activity of mind and body, successful enterprises and schemes. A child born on this day will be very restless and irritable in disposition, will be clever and active, but have to fight hard in life.

11. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, P and △ ♃. A successful year socially and financially. Many opportunities for advancement. Some beneficial changes and mental growth. A child born on this day will be generally successful in life, will be clever, original, and inventive and may travel.

12. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♐, ✱ ☉, □ ♄, ✱ ♀. A generally successful year with promotion, success through the opposite sex; the health should be guarded. A child born on this day will have the favour of superiors, but should always remain in employ, and be careful in dealing with elderly people.

13. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅, ✱ ☿. Many sudden and unexpected developments in affairs, travel and change; beware of accidents. A child born on this day will experience many vicissitudes in life, will be clever and original, but very restless and erratic.

14. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♑, ☍ ♆, □ ☉, ✱ ♄. An unfortunate year, affairs much involved, many troubles and anxieties, benefits through elderly people. A child born on this day will experience great difficulty in making a way in life, will be very unsettled, but will gain through elders.

15. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♒, ☍ ♃, ☌ ☌, □ ♀. A year of trouble and disappointments, great danger of disputes, quarrels, litigation and loss of money. A child born on this day will always be involved in troubles and disputes with others. He will have a hard struggle to gain a competence in life.

16. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♒, △ ☉, □ ☿. A generally successful year, with gain through persons in authority, but trouble through correspondence and changes. A child born on this day should rise in life, and attain some credit and honour. He will do well to be careful in correspondence.

17. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♓ ✱ ♅, △ ♀. A year of beneficial changes, romance and travel, success in financial and social matters. A child born on this day will be of a romantic turn of mind, will gain financially in unexpected ways and be generally successful.

18. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, ☌ ♄, △ ☿. An unfavourable year, many changes and anxieties, dealings with the other sex should be avoided, and great care taken of the health. A child born on this day should always remain in employ, be careful in dealings with the other sex and avoid drink.

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19. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♈, ✶ ♂ P, ♄. An active and enterprising year, successful new ventures, but a tendency to weakness of health through cold. A child born on this day will do best to remain in employ, although active and ambitious, and he will then get on well.

20. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♈, □ ♅, △ ♃, □, ♆. A year of many hindrances and anxieties, trouble through strangers and public affairs. Some gain financially. A child born on this day will be rash and headstrong, fortunate financially, but have much to contend with generally.

21. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♈, P ♄, ☌, ☉. An untoward year in general. Danger of losing position or employment, and of bad health. A child born on this day should always remain in the employ of others, should take especial care of his health and avoid drink.

22. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♑, □ ♂, ☌ ♀, △ ♅, □ ♃, ✶ ♆. An unsuccessful year, danger of disputes, litigation, financial loss and disappointment. Some beneficial changes. A child born on this day will be rash, impetuous and hasty, fond of females to his detriment, and very extravagant and foppish.

23. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♉, P ☿, ✶ ♄, ☌ ☿. A fairly good year, gain through elders, some financial and social benefits, but trouble through correspondence and mental affairs. A child born on this day will be sharp and clever, generally successful in life, but liable to overestimate and exaggerate.

24. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, P and ✶ ♃, △ ♂. A very successful year, much activity and enterprise, gain through new ventures, speculations, etc. A child born on this day will rise in life and be very successful, be enterprising and courageous and very active.

25. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, P ♂, □ ♄. An unfortunate anniversary, many changes and anxieties, ill-health, and danger of disputes and rash actions. A child born on this day will be vain and foppish, extravagant in dress, prone to rash and impulsive acts and generally unfortunate.

26. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, △ ☉, P ♑. A beneficial year, gain through employers and those in a higher position, more ambition and intellectual benefits. A child born on this day will benefit in the employ of others, will gain through superiors and through intellectual matters.

27. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♅, △ ☿, ☌ ♆, P ♑. A year of many sudden troubles and anxieties, danger of plots and schemes, some financial gain and beneficial changes. A child born on this day will be of a changeful and restless disposition, clever, visionary and psychic, but will do well to remain in employ.

28. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♋, △ ♄, △ ♑, par ♆. A favourable anniversary with gain through elders and literary people, many beneficial changes and probably travel. A child born on this day will be contemplative, serious and steady in demeanour and will gain credit and honour in life.

29. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌, □ ☉, ☌ ♂, ☌ ♃. An adverse birthday, danger of litigation, loss of position, money and friends, tendency to rash actions. A child born on this day will be rash, impetuous, prodigal and extravagant, will waste his patrimony and be in danger of the law.

30. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, □ ☿, P ♃. A changeable year, some grief and disappointments, but financial and social gain and indisposition. A child born on this day will have a chequered career, some successes and many failures. His health will prove a drawback.

31. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, □ ♑, par ☉. A variable year is promised, success to those in employ, but trouble through correspondence and adverse changes. A child born on this day will gain through superiors and in employ, but should guard against being over sharp and conceited.

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Not the least gratifying part of our success has been the warm appreciation with which we have been received. We have been inundated with flattering letters which might very well turn much more experienced heads. Of course, some of our friends have gone in for a little criticism. We expected it. But the criticisms have been honest and well-meant, and we have not yet got such swollen heads as to be deaf to suggestion. In fact we shall be glad to hear and adopt any suggestion which will make The Messenger of greater service to our readers.

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New Moon.

At the time of the new moon (5th November, 1907, 10.39 p.m.) the planet Jupiter will be rising in opposition to Mars setting, with the luminaries in square aspect thereto. This is ominous of religious strife, disputes with other countries, and much trouble to the Government. There is very grave danger of war, and the government will do well to be prepared for any eventu-

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ality which may arise. The revenue will show a slight improvement, and trade may increase. Railways will benefit slightly.

Disaster and Disease.

Saturn in the ninth points to shipping disasters, and storms around the coasts. The health of the people will be bad, and many strange complaints will come to light, possibly some epidemic, such as spotted fever. Neptune in the twelfth is evil for hospitals and institutions, and many strange doings will be heard of therein. Five planets in fixed signs point to storms and earthquakes, especially in France, and places under Leo and Aquarius. Religious disputes are threatened in France and Italy, and much rioting and bloodshed. The affliction of Jupiter points to deaths among the legal and religious community, and it is probable that some important legal case will be heard.

Government Opposition.

The affliction of the luminaries in the fourth denotes much opposition against the Government, who will experience a very troublesome time, and have a very serious difficulty to deal with. Russian affairs will now assume prominence, and a dispute with France appears imminent. There will be much bloodshed in the former country. The affliction of Mars, ruler of the mid-heaven, is ominous of danger to the King and those in high position in the land. Indian affairs will still be in a state of unrest, seismic troubles are threatened about Long. 77 E., and places in the States about 80 W. should beware of destructive fires.

Religious Disturbances.

The opposition of Mars and Jupiter, (November 2nd, 1907, 4.25 p.m.) falls in the eleventh and fifth houses, and is likely to cause religious disturbances, an increase of gambling and betting, and disturbances to do with religious education. The Government will have a hard nut to crack, and will be in difficulties. At Long. 28 E. Mars will culminate and Jupiter be on the lower meridian, pointing to religious riots, bloodshed, and a disastrous earthquake. In Long. 152 W. the positions are reversed, and a terrible hurricane or typhoon will be experienced in the Pacific. This configuration will adversely affect France, Italy, Russia, Prussia, Rome, and Sicily, where untoward events will occur. Earthquakes are likely to be experienced in those countries. Brighton, Bath, Bristol, Portsmouth, Philadelphia and Taunton will suffer also.

An Interesting Occurrence.

On November 14th, the planet Mercury will transit the Sun's disc, an occurrence of great interest to all the fortunate possessors of small telescopes. The planet is retrograde in motion and enters the Sun's disc towards the left hand at 10.24 a.m.; the least distance between the centres of the Sun and Mercury —12 min. 38 sec.—occurs at 7 minutes past 12 at noon, and the planet passes off the Sun's disc toward the right hand at 1.50 p.m., the entire phenomenon taking 3 hours 26 minutes to complete.

Future Arrangements.

We have been fortunate in making arrangements with many recognised authorities for contributions in future issues, notably with SEPHARIAL—the Stock Exchange and market forecast expert—and MR. BAILEY, the Editor of "Destiny," who will begin a series of articles in our next issue. The December number will also contain a detailed judgment on the figure for the Sun's entry into Capricorn, and for the conjunction of Mars and Saturn; while in the January issue, a special article, "What of the year 1908?" with a judgment on the great solar eclipse of January 3rd, will appear.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR NOVEMBER, 1907.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	5th	...	10h. 39m. aft.
First Quarter,	12th	...	5h. 14m. aft.
Full Moon,	20th	...	0h. 4m. morn.
Last Quarter,	28th	...	4h. 21m. morn.

Planetary Positions.

The Sun is in Scorpio until the 24th when it enters Sagittarius.

MERCURY is in Scorpio all the month, turns retrograde on the 4th and transits the Sun on the 14th, this rare occurrence taking place in the middle of the day, visible in this country, weather permitting. (See special paragraph on page 24.)

VENUS is an evening star in Scorpio, enters Sagittarius on the 9th, and favourably situated for observation soon after sunset in the south-west.

MARS is an evening star in Aquarius, enters Pisces on the 29th. It is favourably situated for observation in the south, being on the meridian about 6 p.m.

JUPITER is a morning star in Leo, being due south about 5 in the morning.

SATURN is an evening star in Pisces, visible in the south-east after sunset. Crosses the meridian between 7 and 8 in the evening.

URANUS is in Capricorn, and Neptune in Cancer. Both of these are telescopic planets and are not very well situated for observation.

The Weather.

The month opens fine and warm, windy about 3rd, fine to the 8th, stormy 9th to 11th, then changeable to 13th. High winds and heavy rain on the 14th, mild and changeable, and generally unsettled to the end, 29th and 30th stormy.

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The Science of Palmistry—II.

FOR the benefit of readers whose acquaintance we make for the first time with this issue, we recapitulate the information previously given as to the rules of palmistry. To begin with, the left hand is always the one chosen, and each finger has its name as follows:—

(1) Forefinger:	Jupiter	♃
(2) Middle finger:	Saturn	♄
(3) Ring finger:	The Sun	☉
(4) Little finger:	Mercury	☿
(5) Thumb:	Venus	♀

Each hand has five main lines.

(1) The Life line:	Vitalis.
(2) The Natural Line:	Naturalis.
(3) The Table line:	Mensalis.
(4) The Liver line:	Hepatica.
(5) The Wrist line:	Rascetta.

(*See Engraving.*)

Having dealt with the first of the five main lines in our previous issue, we proceed to the second, viz.:—

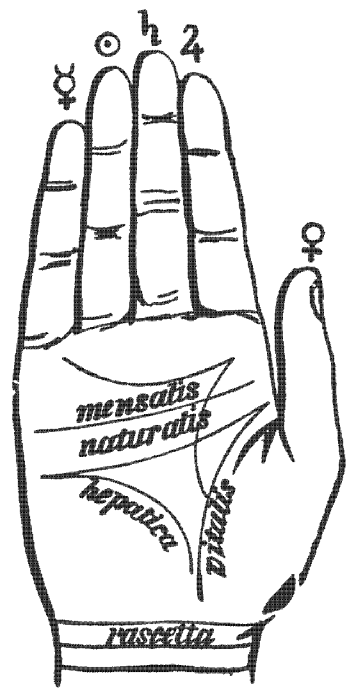
2. NATURALIS; OR, NATURAL LINE.

Next in importance to Vitalis is Naturalis, or the Natural line. This line takes its beginning at ♃ and runs to ☿. If this line is straight and continued, and not dissected by lines, it denotes a strong constitution, excellent digestive organs, and an amiable disposition. Large crosses in this line signify imprudence, loss of property, and a fiery temper.

3. MENSALIS; OR, THE TABLE LINE.

Mensalis, or the Table line, commonly known as the line of Fortune, begins under ☿ and ends under ♃. If this line is broad and fair, without being broken, it is a sign that, with care and industry, the person will lead a happy life; but if broken, it shows that great prudence is needed to avert threatened misfortune. If well defined, this line indicates an amorous temperament, and signifies good fortune in love and wedlock.

Sometimes little lines sprout from this one and run between the fingers, or opposite the base of the fingers. If one of these lines terminate at the base of ♄, it denotes wealth and honours; if at ☉, it foretells success in love; if between ♄ and ☉, it is a sign of sorrow and disappointment; if between ♃ and ♄, you will some day lose a large sum of money, either by being cheated, or making a bad bargain.



From the ring finger (Solis ☉) there commonly runs one or more lines into the Table line. These denote the various inclinations of the heart. If but a single line is actually visible, and if this is deep and long, the person loves or will love faithfully and warmly. If a number of smaller lines are found in its place, the person is inconstancy itself, a butterfly roving from flower to flower. Add up all these little lines, and the sum will give you the number of times the person will fall in love.

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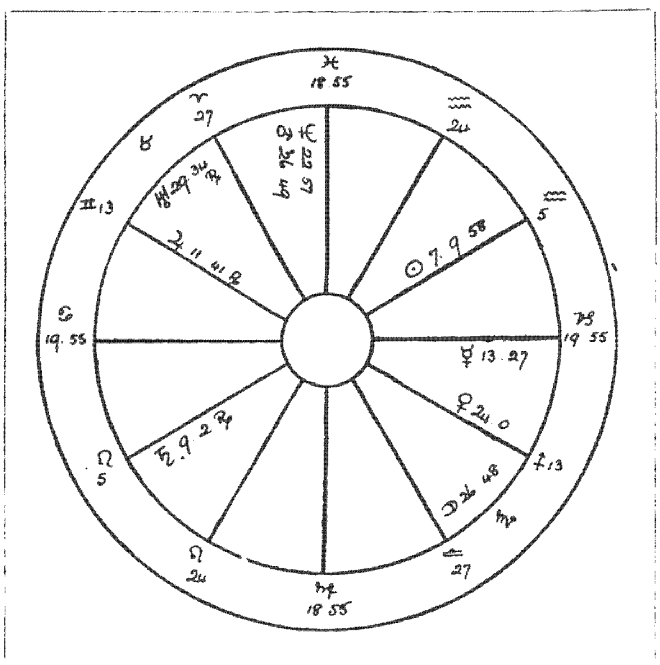
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

II.—His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Germany.

BORN 27TH JANUARY, 1859, 2.54 P.M., BERLIN.

THE Emperor of Germany was born with the twentieth degree of the sign Cancer rising, the moon ruler of the ascendant being in Scorpio in the fifth house in trine to Mars in the mid-heaven. The moon, however, is opposed by Uranus, in elevation, and the sun is posited on the cusp of the eighth house in opposition to Saturn.



The martial tendency, arising from Mars in the mid-heaven, is very strong, the desire for rule, authority, and expansion being a decided trait of the character, but the same position is one which gives impulse, a liability to go to extremes, and to loss of honour and reputation thereby. The Kaiser is undoubtedly a man of many parts, fond of change and variety, decidedly pig-headed and obstinate, and very proud. He is a man of powerful motives for all his actions, and these are likely at times to carry him to great lengths. The position of the sun gives him a discriminative character, much concentration, with an aptitude for scientific studies, but gives decided egotism. His personality is firm, very energetic, not easily influenced, and dislikes interference. His mental powers are diplomatic, cautious, very tactful, and, with Mercury placed in the seventh house, the whole bent of his mind is toward commercial treaties and business arrangements which are for the benefit of his country.

The position of Saturn in the second house opposed by the sun does not augur well for the financial position of his country, and he is likely to deplete the national exchequer by his aims and projects, especially those of a naval and military nature. The conjoined planets Mars and Neptune in the tenth house point to great activity in these two matters, and it is to be specially noted that the Kaiser's great desire for a large and efficient fleet may be attributed to the prominent position of Neptune, the *Tridentifur Deus*, so close to the Meridian of the horoscope. It is interesting to compare this horoscope with that of King Edward's, given in our last issue, and to note one or two points of antagonism, which are likely ere long to bear fruit. The Kaiser's ascendant is nearly in opposition to the King's Mars, while Mercury in the former is on Mars in the latter, a certain indication of disputes and quarrels, and that the martial action of the latter is likely to militate against the former's expansive colonial

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policy. Against this we have the fact that the Kaiser's Venus lies on our King's ascendant, a sure sign of an easy and speedy *rapproachement*, if actual disputes became inevitable. We call special attention to this point, because in view of the coming planetary influences, and especially the eclipses, there is no doubt that the dogs of war cannot be held in their leash much longer, and we shall not be committing ourselves to a very great prophecy by saying that it is to this warlike monarch we must look to be one of the first to kindle the spark which will set the western nations to war.

Our prediction lies in this manner: At the present time the sun is directed to the conjunction of Mars in the mid-heaven of the horoscope, while Saturn all this year is hovering to and fro at this point. On December 30th of this year the planets Mars and Saturn will be conjoined close to Mars and the sun, and no surer significance of warlike and martial inclinations can be found. Certainly at this time the arena of international events will see the Kaiser in a prominent position, and the indications of war at the close of this year and in 1908 are particularly strong. In addition to this the total solar eclipse of January 3rd falls on the place of Mercury close to the cusp of the seventh house, while the transit of Mars over the actual place of the major direction operating a few days after is likely to accentuate the evil.

The year 1910 seems to point to a very evil time, for Uranus is directed to the conjunction of the ascending degree, and the ascendant to the square of the moon. There appears some likelihood of death by accident or violence, and these directions point very strongly to such an occurrence at the end of May and beginning of June of that year when Mars and Neptune are conjoined on the ascending degree, or about the end of August when Mars transits the progressed ascendant.

THE number of unmarried women in England and Wales exceeds the number of unmarried men by a majority of nearly 200,000.

The Daily Guide for Ladies.

1	13 ♍ 9	A good day for everything. Amusements in the evening.
2	25 51	Evil for all things up to 5 p.m. After that favourable.
3	8 ♎ 55	Afternoon and evening start new enterprises, travel, attend to business.
4	22 21	Generally unfortunate for all things. Avoid opposite sex.
5	6 ♏ 9	Travel and make changes before 8 p.m. After that be quiet.
6	20 15	Deal with elderly people and ask favours in the afternoon.
7	4 ♐ 33	Push affairs in the morning. Parties in the evening.
8	18 57	Visit friends before 2 p.m. After that keep quiet until 6.
9	3 ♑ 22	An unfavourable day for all purposes.
10	17 44	Ask favours, except money matters. Correspond in evening.
11	2 ♒ 0	Be careful. Visit friends and places of amusement.
12	16 7	An unfavourable day. Attend to social duties between 6 and 8.
13	0 ♓ 5	Avoid changes and trouble with acquaintances.
14	13 53	A very favourable day. Make changes, ask favours.
15	27 32	A very doubtful day for all things. Keep quiet.
16	10 ♈ 59	Make purchases, push affairs, avoid social matters.
17	24 15	Travel in the morning. Keep quiet afterwards.
18	7 ♉ 19	Travel and make changes in the early evening.
19	20 9	Deal with elderly people in the early part of the day.
20	2 ♊ 46	Attend to social duties, visit friends, make new enterprises.
21	15 8	Evil for courtship. Parties and amusement in evening.
22	27 18	Postpone all important duties and keep quiet.
23	9 ♋ 17	Avoid travelling. Deal with correspondence in the evening.
24	21 8	Ask favours, deal with elderly people in the afternoon.
25	2 ♌ 55	Ask favours, seek business and deal with superiors before noon.
26	14 43	Be careful in correspondence. Social matters may be attended to.
27	26 36	Avoid travelling, accidents, strangers. Keep quiet all day.
28	8 ♍ 40	Keep quiet before noon. Travel, purchase, etc., later.
29	20 59	An evil day for courting, marriage and social duties.
30	3 ♎ 40	Seek new business, deal with superiors, especially afternoon and evening.

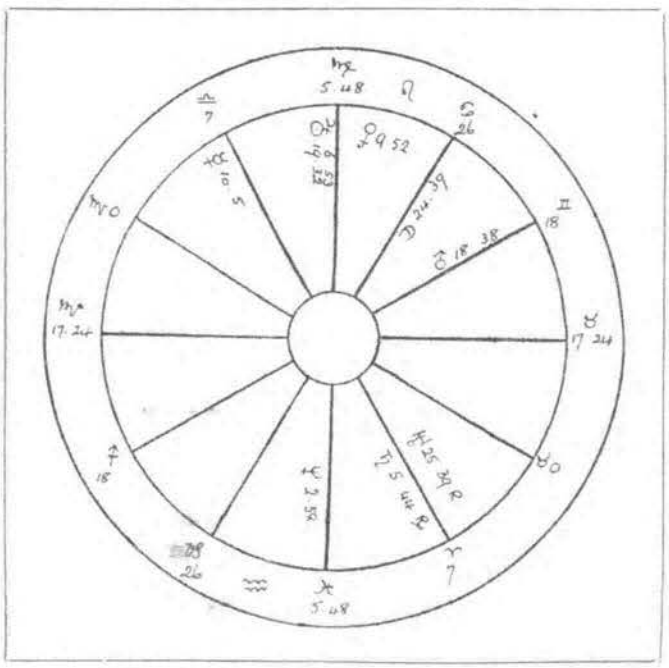
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Peculiar Horoscopes.

Death in Infancy.

No 2.—Male child born 12th September, 1849, at 11h. 4m. 29s. a.m. Died on 12th December, 1849, at 8 a.m.

The annexed diagram is the figure of the heavens at the birth of a male child who died of thrush after living exactly three months. The time of death is recorded as "just before eight in the morning," and our purpose in giving this particular horoscope is to show that it is possible, in the case of infants more especially, to forecast almost to the minute the actual time of death. Although this may, to many students, seem incredible, we are justified in saying that our experiments and investigations with what is known as the "Synodic Lunation" prove that one of the most infallible theories yet put forward is this monthly configuration of the two luminaries.



Those who have made a study of directing, are no doubt aware of the action of new Moons when falling upon prominent places in the horoscope, and it has also been urged that the Lunar revolution, *i.e.* the return of the Moon each month to the position it held at birth, should be significant of the events of each month. The Lunar revolution which we refer to here is neither of these two, but the return of the Moon to the same configuration with the Sun which it held at birth. Suppose at birth the Moon is 60° from the Sun and increasing in light; in about 29 days it will be again this distance from the Sun, but with this distinction however: the longitudes of the luminaries will have increased from 28° to 31° according to the time of the year. Now it is by noting the time of each return of the Moon to the same configuration with the Sun it held at birth, together with the longitudes of the two luminaries and the meridian and ascendant at such times, that this method of prognostication is arrived at.

Now if we refer to our horoscope we shall note two very powerful aspects, viz.:

☉ in the 10th house. □ ♂ lord of 1st in the 8th.
☽ in the 9th house. □ ♅ close to cusp of 6th.

In our test case in last month's issue we gave an illustration of the old rule with regard to the duration of life, and in this case we have the same configuration, viz., the Sun in an angle, afflicted by a malefic, and in addition we have an illustration of another rule "if the rays of two malefics be bad to the Sun and Moon, the child will die." The Sun is afflicted by a square of Mars and the Moon by a square of Uranus, and so in accordance with the laws of astral science the child dies.

Now in this horoscope the Moon is distant 54° 33′ from the ☉, and is decreasing in light, and this same configuration is formed three times previous to the date of death. In the first two occasions, the Sun and Moon are in benefic aspect with the radical places of Mars and Uranus, but in the third case which falls at 6.20 p.m. on December 9th, 1849, the moon is in 23° 5′ ♎ in ♂ ♅ R and the ☉ in 17° 38′ ♐ in ♂ ♂ R, thus acting on the radical affliction (☉ □ ♂ and ☽ □ ♅).

Now if a figure be erected for this third revolution the following striking resemblance will be noted:—

In the Horoscope	☉ in angle	□ ♂ in the 8th.
	☽ in 9th	□ ♅ in the 6th.
In 3rd Revolution	☽ in angle	☌ ♅ in 10th.
	☉ in 6th	☌ ♂ in 12th.

It will also be noted that the ascendant of the revolution is ♂ ☽ R and the meridian is ☌ ☉ R.

We now come to the most interesting part of the theory. The Moon at the 3rd revolution requires 2° 34′ to exact ☌ ♅. This is to be turned into time at the rate of 1° per day. 2° 34′ = 2d. 13h. 36m. and added to the moment of the last revolution December

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9d. 6h. 20m. brings us to the day of the child's death December 11d. 19h. 56m. or 7-56 a.m. December 12th at which time the four angles and the planets were as follows:—

10th.
♎ 21° 32'
♌ 25° 39'

Asc.		Desc.
☉ 17° 38'		♃ 18° 38'
♐ 18° 38'		♊ 18° 38'

4th.
♈ 21° 32'
♅ 25° 39'

Thus we see that the time of death arrived at by this method, agrees with the recorded time and we note how the radical affliction was brought into action by the third synodic lunation and how the difference between the longitude of the Moon at such lunation and the radical place of the Planet afflicting the Moon at birth turned into time and added to the time of the last lunation measured exactly to the hour of the child's death.

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WEATHERWISE asks if we can account, astrologically, for the wet spring of the present year.

We are of opinion that the spell of wet weather in April, May and June of this year was due to the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Neptune in the watery sign Cancer. The influence of the conjunction began on April 18th and lasted until June 19th. In 1894, the two planets were conjoined in Gemini and a similar spell of wet weather was experienced.

OCCULT would like to know if palmistry is in any way connected with astrology, as the names of the planets are used in the former science.

There is undoubtedly a close relationship between palmistry and astrology, and indeed also between phrenology, physiognomy and astrology, and it is only reasonable to suppose that anyone well versed in astrology should have little difficulty in mastering the other three sciences.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

II.—Character Development.

THE most important of the practical uses of Astrology is the help it gives one in developing character, and living in harmony with the laws which govern our being.

To many of us, such an idea as developing or improving our character would be put on one side as sentimental, incongruous and out of keeping with the prosaic age we live in, but at the same time it cannot be denied that a character moulded and trained in the highest schools of discipline and morality becomes an enormous factor in the making of a life or even of a nation.

We are all of us no doubt familiar with the picture which appeared in an old edition of *Cassell's Popular Educator*, entitled "The Child—what will become of him?" In the left hand is depicted the curly-headed youngster, with innocent face and laughing eyes, and opposite to him, two rows of four heads, one denoting the progress of the life from school, through a successful career, up to an honoured and respected old age, and the other showing the career from the street, down the downward grade to a wretched, half-starved, ill-clothed man, in the lowest depths of vice, misery and beggary.

It is here in such a case where the first value of Astrology steps in. We have before us the horoscope of a child. We know by the laws of Astrology the faults and failings, the weaknesses of the nature, the powers and capabilities which at present lie latent. What can be more to our credit, and to the benefit and making of the young life, than that we should by judicious training eradicate the evil traits of character, strengthen and improve the weaker ones, and thoroughly develop all within the nature that is good and true and noble, so that the young life may in time become a powerful factor in the moulding of others and of the training of those whose lives will be entrusted to their care? Surely such a task is something more than mere sentiment! But yet it is a rare thing that we find parents sending for the horoscopes of their children in order that they may properly train them.

However, it is not our task to moralise on this point, so we will hasten to show how the development of character may be acquired. First of all we must have more than a casual knowledge of the various parts of our natures governed by the planets and zodiacal signs.

First of all the sign of the zodiac rising at birth governs the natural disposition and hereditary tendencies. The Sun is the significator of the individuality, the internal nature, the real, permanent, immortal part of man; the Moon governs the personality, the mortal part, the general expression of the character and disposition in everyday life, the external nature. Mercury governs the mind and intellectual propensities. Venus rules the feelings and emotions, the tender side of the nature. Mars rules over the desires and passions, the active and energetic side of the nature. Jupiter governs the aspirations, the aims and purposes. Saturn governs the contemplative tendencies and shows the hindrances and limitations of the life. Of the planets, Uranus and Neptune, we are not here concerned; they govern the ethereal and spiritual parts of our being and their influence is at present but little understood or responded to by the majority of mankind.

Now let us take each of these in detail. Each sign when rising gives certain good and evil traits, certain powers and failings. It is therefore our work to make ourselves acquainted with each of these and by dint of training and self-control to eradicate the evil traits, to strengthen the good, to make and put to a proper use the powers within us, and so to will and to do that we live harmoniously and in accord with the immutable principles of truth and justice. A musician who strikes a wrong note breaks the harmony of his music, and therefore we, when we do wrong, are striking a discordant chord in the harmony of our lives.

It must not be supposed that because the horoscope indicates certain evil traits we cannot get the better of them, or that we are bound down by a inevitable fate to be continually showing the evil in our lives. Do not let us be led away by any such fatalistic and pessimistic teaching. It is within our power to improve our characters, and the only teacher we need have is a knowledge of Astrology and its wonderful possibilities.

We shall discuss this subject further next month. Correspondence and criticism is invited hereon.

New Moon Superstitions.

Many events are attributable to the new moon. One certain rule, however, is that "to see the moon in your breast, for a month you'll know no rest." In other words it is not well to meet the moon face to face; in fact, it is only one degree less dangerous than to see it first through glass. The superstition of kissing the hand to the moon seven times and making three wishes while so doing, does away with a great deal of the evil of seeing the moon over the wrong shoulder, and, besides, the three wishes may come true. It is considered very lucky to obtain the first sight of the new moon over your right shoulder, or straight before you; then everything that you undertake will prosper to the end of the moon. Three curtseys dropped to the new moon in the open air will be sure to bring a present before the week is over. Money turned in the pocket will insure success in business undertakings. Friday's moon, come when it will, comes too soon. Saturday is also considered a bad day for the new moon. In Norfolk there is a saying:—

Saturday new and Sunday full,
Never was good and never wull.

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Marvellous Magic of India.

FEATS of Hindu magic have taxed the logic of science. Many wonderful stories have been told, but none more wonderful than those related in the *Sunday Magazine* by James Welton Gray, who quotes the experiences of the late Captain John Gladwin Jebb.

Captain Jebb said that, with a dozen fellow officers, he was once sitting at mess in India in a room twenty-five feet long and fifteen feet wide, lighted by a row of twenty gas jets along the cornice. A fakir appeared soliciting alms. The officers promised the fakir liberal contributions if he would give them a novel exhibition of magic.

He lifted his left arm and pointed his finger at a gas-jet in the corner of the cornice; after a moment it went out. He pointed at the next one, and it was extinguished also; and at the next, and the next. In this way he had soon made the circuit of the room, and there now remained only one gas-jet alight. By that time, as you may suppose, we had become a good deal interested. The man stopped to rub his left arm lightly with his right hand for a few moments; then he pointed at the final gas-jet, and out it went, leaving us in total darkness.

"Do the sahibs wish the lights restored?" asked the voice of the fakir out of the darkness. We intimated that we did, and immediately the light which had been last extinguished appeared again, and by its illumination we saw the fellow in the same attitude as before, except that this time it was with his right finger instead of with his left that he was pointing. To make a short story of it, he re-lighted every burner in reverse order until the whole twenty were going again. "Now are the sahibs satisfied?" he asked.

They were, of course, astounded, but they feigned indifference, in the hope of seeing further wonders.

He seemed a little annoyed, but after standing with his hands folded in front of him and his head bent on his breast for a minute, he looked up, and his eyes met those of every man in the room, one after the other. He then said, in slow measured tones, "No sahib may leave his chair," and turned round and walked out of the room.

We laughed, and supposed that he had given us up as too sceptical for his purposes. We resumed our conversation, and in ten minutes had forgotten all about him. Then one of us, General Gatacre—though he wasn't a general then—said that he must be getting back to his quarters, and started to rise from his chair; but after seeming to struggle for a moment he settled back, and his face turned red. "What the deuce is the matter?" he exclaimed. "I can't get up!"

Some of us laughed; but I remembered the last words of the fakir, and made an effort to stand. I could not stir from my seat. Lieutenant Cholmondeley, my neighbour on my left, saw my predicament and tried to get up himself. He was pinned to his place, just as Gatacre and I were. At that every man caught the idea, and for several minutes there was as queer a scene as ever I saw—twelve strong young fellows striving their best to get up out of their chairs, and every one of them as helpless as a paralytic.

The sensation, as I felt it, was an odd one—something like one's failure to remember a name or a word that is on the tip of the tongue, only this was a physical instead of a mental disability. I could not bring power to bear at the right point. By and by we all gave it up.

We had sat there a good half-hour before the old rascal's head appeared round the door-post, and he asked, in his whining voice: "Do the sahibs desire any other experiment?"

No, we had had enough, and he went away with more plunder in his wallet than he had ever collected at one time before. All he did was to say, "The sahibs may now rise," and we were all on our feet in an instant; but it was worth the money. Of course the thing can be explained on the theory of hypnotism; but whatever it was, it was impressive.

Turning the Tables on Omens.

THE ancients, as well as the people of the Middle Ages, were rather more inclined to put their trust in omens than in princes. Some unlucky omen often was responsible for diverting from a general or monarch the confidence of his army or people, and persons who were reputed to be trustworthy interpreters of the meanings of omens seldom were out of employment.

An unwillingness to recognise omens of evil has sometimes been responsible for a display of ready wit that has had the effect of tranquilising the spirits of apprehensive retainers. Here are a few instances of the manner in which the tables were turned on omens that appeared to presage evil:

Leotychide II. of Sparta was told by his augurs that his projected expedition would fail because a viper had got entangled in the handle of the city key. "Not so," he replied, "the key caught the viper."

When Julius Cæsar landed at Adrumetum, in Africa, he happened to trip and fall on his face. This would have been considered a fatal omen by his army, but, with admirable presence of mind, he exclaimed: "Thus I take possession of thee, O Africa!" This story is also told of Scipio.

When William the Conqueror leaped upon the shore at Bulverhythe, he fell on his face, and a great cry went forth that it was an ill-omen: but the duke exclaimed: "I have taken seisin of this land with both my hands."

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Astrology and its Exponents.

I.—The Origin of the Science.

AMONGST all the sciences, both true and bogus, which have attracted the attention of the world, there is not one, of which the real basis or foundation is less known in the present century than the science of Prognostication, commonly known as Astrology.

It is originally supposed to have risen in the East, at a period of remote antiquity, and it is recorded by Josephus, that Seth the son of Adam, having been instructed by his father and foreseen, by his knowledge of the science, the Deluge, engraved what he knew on two pillars of stone, which he set up in the wilderness of Arabia, and these were still standing in his (Josephus') day. In Newton's Chronology we read; "The practice of observing the stars began in Egypt in the days of Ammon, and was propagated from thence, in the reign of his son Sesac, into Africa, Europe and Asia by conquest, and then Atlas formed the sphere of the Libyans (956 B.C.) and Chiron that of the Greeks (939. B.C.) and the Chaldeans also made a sphere of their own. But Astrology was invented in Lower Egypt by Nichepsos, or Necepsos, one of the kings of the Lower Egypt, and Petosiris his priest a little before the days of Sabacon, and propagated thence into Chaldea where Zoroaster, the legislator of the Magi met with it."

According, however, to modern occult and theosophical research, we are justified in antedating the origin of Astrology to a great many thousand of years prior to the period above mentioned, even as far back as the time of Atlantis and its capitol, the City of the Golden Gates. Even if we reject this, we find records of observations at an earlier age than 956 B.C., for we are told that when Alexander the Great took Babylon, Calisthenes, who was with him found astronomical observations for one thousand nine hundred and three years, that is as far back as the one hundred and fifteenth year after the Flood. Again, according to Diodorus, we learn that the Chaldeans in Babylon, being colonies of the Egyptians, became famous for Astrology, having learnt it from the priests of Egypt. In China from the earliest periods we find records of the science. In the year 2513 B.C. the emperor Chueni was chosen on account of his skill. The Hindoos were acquainted with the science for some 3,000 years before the Christain era. The Siamese and Buddhists are also noted for the knowledge therein.

Leaving now the antiquity of the science, as we shall deal with it more fully in the next article, we will try and define more clearly what is intended by astrology and its doctrines. In the preface to the Tetrabiblos, Mr. Ashmand remarks:—"Among a thousand persons who now treat the mention of Astrology with supercilious ridicule, there is scarcely *one* who knows distinctly what it is he laughs at, or on what plea his ancestors should stand excused for having in their day contemplated with respect the unfortunate object of modern derision." Such was the fact eighty-five years ago, and even in the present time of educational progress, free libraries, and the innumerable opportunities for learning, the remark is equally if not more applicable.

The word "Astrology" is derived from two Greek words meaning "a star" and "reason or logic," thus implying the logic of the stars, or that which we reason from them. Now if the Greek term ASTER, a star, be traced, it will be found to be derived from two Hebrew terms, ASH, "fire," because the stars used to be called "Fires of heaven," and TER, "to go round," as the stars were seen to go round the earth. Again the Hebrew term for an astrologer was ASH-PHE, meaning "the mouth-piece of the star," because he interpreted what the star imported.

Astrology then is the logic of the stars, that which we reason from them. The doctrine of Astrology may be defined as that which is shown or imported by the stars—agreeably to reason—which must be founded on observed facts. Without the latter, we cannot reason on any subject. Now certain facts having been observed, concerning the configurations of the planets, to always accompany or be followed by certain events on earth, mankind, by the exercise of reason, came to the conclusion that one was the cause, the other the effect; the planetary configurations the former, the events the latter.

The first men who thus reasoned of the stars, were the wise men or the priests. These ancient priests were accustomed to go to a hill or "high place" that they might conveniently observe the stars in order to judge of their effects. The Hebrew term, ASH-PHE, an astrologer, came to be corrupted into ETZ-PHE, (from which is derived our English, *espy*) a watchman. Frequently in that language the initial letter was dropped, hence the word was sounded "Zephe, or Zophe," or in the plural ZOPHIM, the watchman, signifying the astrologers or wise men. Again the Greek corruption of this term was SOPHOI, the wise men, who were accustomed on high hills to observe the stars.

It was the custom in many countries to erect towers for this purpose, and probably, those magnificient relics of antiquity, the pyramids of Egypt, were erected for astrological purposes. But the pyramids are not peculiar to Egypt alone, for they are also found in many other countries. The pagodas of China, the pyramidal temples of Hindoostan, the temples of Mexico and Yucatan, belonging to the Aztec empire, are all records of astrological science.

Our object in the present series of articles, is to take a brief survey of the science and its leading authorities and exponents from the earliest ages up to the Christian era, and to follow on with more lengthy and detailed accounts since that date up to the present time, and concluding with a criticism of the practice of astrology in the present century, and of the laws which are supposed to prohibit such practice.

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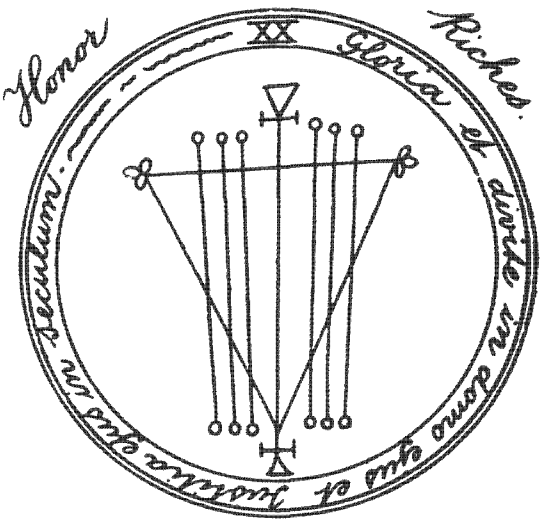
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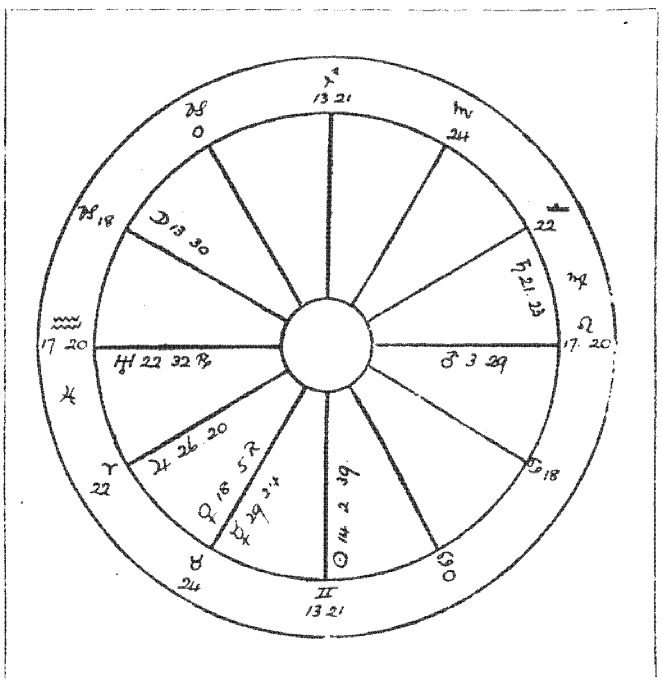
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—II.

LORD WOLSELEY.

FIELD MARSHAL Lord Wolseley was born at five minutes before twelve on the night of the fourth of June, 1833, at Golden Bridge House, Dublin, Ireland.

The sign Aquarius was rising with Uranus just below the ascending degree in sextile to Jupiter. This denotes the keen foresight and prevision for which our subject is so remarkably gifted, for it is stated that in both the Egyptian and last Boer war he computed on the setting out of the troops from England the date when the war should cease, and in both cases he was correct. Such a gift as this can only be attributed to the position of Uranus rising, and with Mercury in the third house just entering Gemini. The latter planet being in sextile to Mars indicated mechanical and warlike turn of mind, and the courage and energy in carrying out military tactics and operations. Jupiter in the second house well aspected shows great financial gains, and accounts for the gift of money received from Parliament for his successful conduct of the Ashantee war. The setting position of Mars accounts for the several wounds received, and to the loss of one eye.



As a commander Lord Wolseley has been singularly fortunate for he has never once received a reverse on the field of battle. The only unsuccessful exploit he was engaged in was the relief of Gordon, but it was not his fault that he arrived too late. It was taken under adverse directions, and under an evil transit of Saturn, and it has been stated that Lord Wolseley started from Charing Cross at an unlucky hour.

In our study of this horoscope we will take some of the chief events in the life of our illustrious subject and note the directions operating thereat.

At the age of 19, in March, 1852, he entered the army under the direction of Asc. △ ♂ R, and a year later, in the Burmese war, he was severely wounded. At this time the moon was in 8 ♂ R.

He was present at the siege of Sebastopol, and was again severely wounded in the face, losing his right eye as a result of the injury. This took place under the direction of Asc. □ ☽ R, while Mars had progressed to the opposition of the ascendant, and the lunar directions operating were

☽ □ ♂ P.
☽ □ Asc. R.

At the time of the disastrous Nile expedition, the Sun was directed to the ♂ ♂ R and □ ♃ P, while the Moon was in square to both Mercury and Jupiter. In October, 1874, he was awarded £25,000 for the Ashantee campaign. The direction then in

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operation was ☉ ✶ ♄ R. In November 1882 he was created Baron Wolseley of Cairo, and in 1885 he was made Viscount. For the former event we have ☉ R ♂ ♀ P, and for the latter ☉ ✶ ♅ R conversely.

At the time of the Boer war the ☉ was directed to the square of Venus, but Mars had progressed to the trine of the Moon's place at birth and the square of the Sun.

At the present time favourable influences prevail, the Sun being in close trine to Jupiter, so that further honours may be anticipated.

Cloud Signs.

SOFT looking or delicate clouds foretell fine weather, with moderate or light breezes; hard-edged, oily looking clouds, wind. A dark, gloomy blue sky is windy, but a bright blue sky indicates fine weather.

Small, inky looking clouds foretell rain. Light scud clouds, driving across heavy masses, show wind and rain; but if alone may indicate wind only.

High upper clouds crossing the sun, moon, or stars, in a direction different from that of the lower clouds, or the wind then felt below, foretell a change of wind toward their direction.

After fine, clear weather, the first signs in the sky of a coming change are usually light streaks, curls, wisps, or mottled patches of white, distant clouds, which increase, and are followed by a murky vapor that grows into cloudiness. This appearance, more or less oily or watery, as wind or rain will prevail, is an infallible sign.

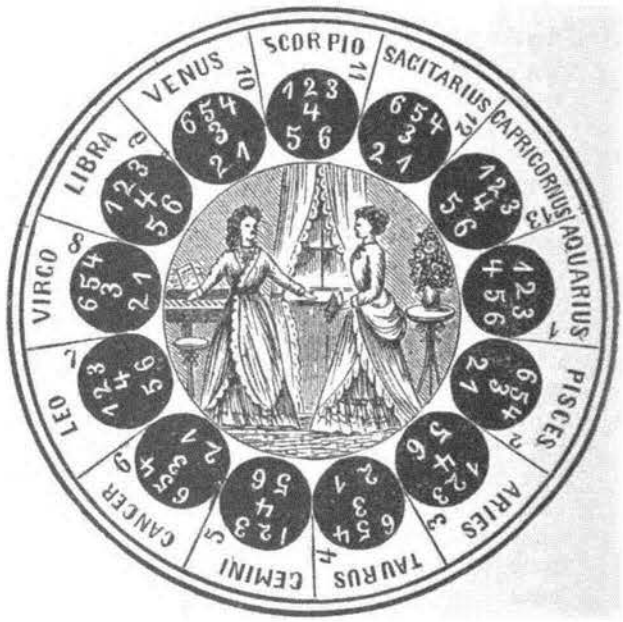
Usually, the higher and more distant such clouds seem to be, the more gradual but general the coming change of weather will prove.

Light, delicate, quiet tints or colours, with soft, undefined forms of clouds, indicate and accompany fine weather; but unusual or gaudy hues, with hard, definitely outlined clouds, foretell rain and probably strong wind.

Misty clouds forming or hanging on heights show wind and rain coming, if they remain, increase, or descend. If they rise or disperse, the weather will improve or become fine.

Love, Marriage & Destiny

THE following chart or tablet from "Merlin's Love Oracle" is believed to be, like many others, of Egyptian origin and used for many centuries by gipsies, who are of course called gipsies in abbreviation of Egyptians. It is worked by pinpricks or blindfold markings if the tablet is on a large scale. In the key are three diviners or answering tablets, one for good fortune, one for bad fortune, and



one for the fate of all born according to the day of the week. As part of the work there is the Great Love Oracle, or future destiny foretold, interpreting all questions upon the different events and situations of life, but more especially those relating to love, courtship, and marriage. The price of the book is 6d., postage 1d., and may be obtained from W. Foulsham & Co., 4, Pilgrim Street, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

The nerves are all connected with the brain directly or by the spinal marrow. These nerves, with their branches and minute ramifications, probably exceed 10,000,000.

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Constellations for Making Talismans

THE maker of Talismans should study the rudiments of astrology as a preliminary to his work. With Saturn there are only two signs to be well placed, Libra and Aquarius; but Gemini is not evil, and if well fortified some good and benefiting talismans and seals can be made. Let Mercury have a trine or sextile aspect, and Venus and Jupiter also, if possible, and the Moon in particular, of all things, free from the influence of Mars and Herschel. Always make your talisman on a Saturday morning and in the spring, and begin at sunrise.

With Jupiter let it be in Cancer or Pisces, and let Venus or the Moon be in conjunction or favourable aspect, free from the rays of the Sun, Saturn, Herschel, Mars, and Mercury. For speculation Pisces is the best sign, but for trade and health Cancer is best. Begin work on Thursday morning.

With Mars let him be in Aries, and let him have good aspects of the Moon, Mercury, and the Sun, if possible, but free from the rays of other planets. Begin on a Tuesday morning and in the spring.

With the Sun let him be in Leo, and let him have the benefic aspects or rays of Jupiter by either conjunction, sextile, or trine, and let the Moon be also in good aspect, but not in conjunction, and let the Sun be free from malefic rays. Begin work on Sunday at sunrise, if not possible in Leo, then in Aries.

With Venus let her be in Libra for friendship or favour, but let her be in Taurus for love, and Pisces for fruitfulness. Let her have the good rays of Mercury, Jupiter, or the Moon, and free of Saturn or Mars. Begin on Friday morning at sunrise. For amorous intrigues or secret love a trine or sextile of Herschel should be suitable, as this captivates and has great effect on the heart of a female. Venus goes through these signs each year.

With Mercury let him be in Gemini or Virgo, for in either of these signs he is fortunate, and let Jupiter, Venus, and the Moon be friendly disposed towards Mercury, free of the rays of the malefics, and as far removed from the Sun as possible. Begin work on Wednesday at sunrise.

With the Moon she should be fortified by the favourable aspects or conjunction of Jupiter and Venus; the good rays of Mercury are beneficial. Let the Moon be in Cancer free from malefics. Cancer is more favourable than Taurus; Pisces is also favourable. The Moon passes through the signs every month. Begin work on Monday at sunrise.

To produce bad or evil effects you must depress the planets by placing them in contrary signs, and sending them the evil aspects of the malefics, but this is only done for evil purposes and was practised in past times to hurt others.

For the full study of these things we must refer readers to Raphael's Great Book, "Talismanic Magic," 15s., post free, from W. Foulsham & Co., 4, Pilgrim-st., London, E.C.

THOSE who marry on a Saturday when the moon is new will be lucky; but, alas! for those who marry during the waning of the moon, they will never agree very well with each other. In India it is considered best to marry when the moon is full. No important business should ever be undertaken when the moon is on the wane. In many parts of the Continent peasants attach much importance to the age of the moon when their children are born. Those who are born when it is a day or two old will be gifted with great powers of conversation; those born during its second quarter will be bright and cheerful; while those born during the waning of the moon are sure to be of a taciturn disposition, although they may possess great reasoning powers. It is considered to be an ill omen if the whole of the moon is faintly discerned during the first quarter. It is a sign of a coming storm.

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Birthday Influences during November.

And the Fate of any Child born during the Month.

The Sun enters Scorpio 24th October, 1907, 1.52 p.m.

1. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♏, ✶ ☉, ✶ ♆, △ ♅. A favourable birthday, with gain through superiors, benefits and advantages, changes and financial and social success. A year of much progress. A child born on this day will have a successful career, will gain much popularity and social esteem and will rise in life, but should avoid law.

2. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♏, ☌ ♄, ✶ ☿, ✶ ♀. Beware of law and quarrelling, keep the health in order and avoid disputes with employers. Dealings with the other sex will be beneficial. A child born on this day will be rash, impetuous and extravagant, will often be in financial difficulties, and will suffer through litigation.

3. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, □ ♆, □ ♅, ✶ ♃, △ ♂. An unsettled year, much chaos in affairs, sudden and unexpected losses. Business affairs will prosper and friends will give help and advice. A child born on this day will be original and inventive, but very restless and unsettled, and will gain through friends.

4. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎, P ♄. A generally quiet year; make no changes in business or employ. Guard against law and keep the health in good condition. A child born on this day will have an unsettled career, will do best in the employ of others and be careful in his dealing with the other sex.

5. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♏, ☌ ☉, ✶ ♅, □ ♃. A year of changes, new friends and acquaintances. Guard against extravagance and law. Females should guard their health. A child born on this day will be vain and extravagant, will have good mental abilities; it will do well to remain in employ.

6. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♏, △ ♆, △ ♄, □ ☌, ☌ ♀. Beware of law and quarrelling, safeguard the health, avoid all extravagance and prodigality. Business and love affairs should prosper. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous, but painstaking and prudent, will have many difficulties in life but gain through elderly people.

7. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♐, ☌ ♀. A year of benefits and favourable changes, business and employment will succeed, literary and social matters be profitable. A child born on this day will have good mental abilities, be fond of art, music, etc., but will have a somewhat unsettled career.

8. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, □ ♄, △ ♃, ✶ ☌. Success in business and new enterprises; gain through friends. Guard against loss of employment and keep the health in order. A child born on this day will be successful in employment, but will have many drawbacks and hindrances to contend with.

9. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅. An unsettled year, many changes and anxieties; beware of accidents, loss of employment and indisposition. A child born on this day will have an unsettled and chequered career, many difficulties to face and will do best in the employ of others.

10. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, ✶ ☉, ☌ ♆, ✶ ♄. Be careful of friends and acquaintances and avoid law. Benefits will come through superiors and elderly people; business will succeed. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous and careless over money. He will do well in the employ of others and will gain through superiors.

11. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♐, ✶ ☿, ✶ ♀. An evil anniversary, sickness, death, and bereavement are the omens for the year. Avoid law and quarrels, and act discreetly. Love affairs will prosper. A child born on this day will be violent in temper, liable to accidents and inflammatory complaints. He will gain through females, but should always keep in employment.

12. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♐, □ ☉, ☌ ♃, ☌ ☌, □ ♀. A disastrous year, losses, quarrels, disputes and litigation, danger of heavy financial loss, scandal and dishonour. Ruin is threatened. A child born on this day will be hasty, impulsive and ungovernable in temper, have trouble in business, and be generally unfortunate right through life.

13. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♑, □ ☿. Disappointments, unfavourable changes, and involved state of affairs. Be careful in dealings with the other sex. A child born on this day will be restless and unsettled in disposition, will have disappointments in love and be careless and unbusinesslike,

14. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♑, △ ♆, ✶ ♅, △ ♀. A successful year, changes, advancement, literary success, gain through employment, business will succeed, and things prosper. A child born on this day will have a most successful career, have ability to hold important positions, will be clever, original, and inventive, but should be careful in speech.

15. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♑, △ ☉, ☌ ♄. Disappointments and worries in business, ill-health and many vexations. Gain through business or employment. A child born on this day will have good foresight and judgment, will do best in the employ of others and should always avoid cold and chill.

16. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♈, □ ♆, □ ♅, △ ♃, △ ♀. An unsettled year, many sudden and unexpected changes of an adverse nature, social and financial benefits. Love affairs prosper. A child born on this day will have an unsettled career, many obstacles to contend with, but should be successful socially and financially.

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17. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♈, ✱ ♂, P ♄. A doubtful anniversary, much activity and business enterprise, slight financial troubles. The health should be guarded and accidents avoided. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, should always keep in employ, and keep guard against accidents and ill-health.

18. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♉, △ ♅, □ ♃. A year of beneficial changes, but attended with heavy expenses and extravagance. Business and employment benefits. A child born on this day will be erratic and changeful in disposition, of extravagant habits and should always remain in employ of others.

19. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉, ✱ ♆, ☌ ☿, ✱ ♄, □ ♂. Trouble through correspondence and literary work, worries and anxieties in business affairs, benefits through elderly people, but danger of quarrels. A child born on this day will gain through elderly people, will be sharp tempered, liable to do acts of sharp practice, and should be careful of accidents and correspondence.

20. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, ☌ ☉, par ♃. A successful year for employment and business, financial and social gain, many benefits and general prosperity. A child born on this day will benefit socially and financially, will be gentle and refined, keenly intuitive and benefit through others.

21. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, ✱ ♃, ☌ ♀, □ ♄. Benefits through superiors and financial gain. Trouble through females, and in love affairs, danger of ill-health and bereavement. A child born on this day will rise in life through the help of friends and superiors, but should be very careful and circumspect in dealings with the other sex.

22. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, △ ♂, par ♆. A year of enterprise and activity, benefits in business and employment. Be careful of friends and acquaintances. A child born on this day will be active and energetic, and very pushful in business, but will have many little worries and annoyances to contend with.

23. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♅, △ ☿, ☍ ♆. Many worries and changes, unexpected and adverse, difficulties in position. Gain through literary work and young people. A child born on this day will be restless, unsettled and hasty in disposition, have good abilities, but will incline to self-deception.

24. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋, △ ♄. Good year for business, gain through elderly people, success in land and property. Some disputes with superiors. A child born on this day will gain in the employ of others, will be quiet, circumspect, and grave in disposition, and have friendship of elderly people.

25. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, △ ☉. Success in business and employment, gain through superiors, domestic unpleasantness, and danger of accident and bereavement. A child born on this day will do best in the employ of others, will have many little troubles and anxieties to contend with and should act discreetly with the other sex.

26. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌, ☍ ♃, □ ☿. Success financial and socially, new enterprises. Trouble through letters and correspondence. Be careful of law and disputes. A child born on this day will bring many troubles upon himself by errors of judgment and lack of foresight, and should be careful in signing papers.

27. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, P ♃, △ ♀, ☌ ♂. Be careful of accidents, quarrels, and law. Success will be gained socially and financially. Dealings with the other sex will prosper. A child born on this day will have a hasty temper, be liable to accidents, but will gain financially and socially, and through the help of friends.

28. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, □ ☉, P ♂, △ ♅, ✱ ♆. An unsettled year, many changes and anxiety. Losses through business and employment, danger of accidents and disputes. A child born on this day will have hard struggles in life, will have little success in business or employ and be sharp tempered and given to change.

29. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, ✱ ☿, ☌ ♄, □ ♀. Ill-health and bereavement, home and domestic trouble, gain in literary and intellectual work. A child born on this day will have good abilities, but will have much to contend with in life, be often in poverty and trouble and have many disappointments.

30. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♎, ✱ ☉. A good year for business and employment. Some little worries financially and through correspondence. Gain through new enterprises. A child born on this day will rise in life, and attain success either in business or employment; he should guard against errors of judgment.

Rossetti's Ghost Picture.

Gabriel Rossetti, poet and painter, was once visited by an East Indian prince, who said to him: "I wish to give you a commission to paint a portrait of my father." "Is your father in London?" asked Rossetti, "No, my father is dead," replied the Oriental. "Have you some photographs of him or any portrait?" "We have no portraits of him of any kind." "How can I paint a portrait of him then?" asked the artist. "It is impossible. I could not think of attempting anything so absurd." "Why is it absurd?" demanded the prince gravely. "You paint pictures of Mary Magdalene and Circe and John the Baptist, and yet you have never seen any of them? Why can you not paint my father?" The prince was so insistent that Rossetti yielded in sheer desperation. He painted an ideal head that was certainly Oriental and also regal in its bearing. The prince came in great state to view it. When the canvas was uncovered he looked at it steadily and then burst into tears. "How father has changed!" he cried.—*Everybody's Magazine.*

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Astrology for the Business Man.

By ASTROLABUS.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."—*Solomon.*

"Fortune at some hours to all is kind:
The unlucky have whole days which still they choose,
The unlucky have but hours and those they lose."—*Dryden.*

THE first question which a business man asks about anything which may be brought under his notice is, "Will it pay? What can be made out of it?"

In a few lines I shall point out how Astrology can be of material assistance to the business man. Every person engaged in commercial pursuits knows full well that some enterprises succeed and others fail. Also that very often the successes are found when and where they are least expected, while the failures happen with projects that have received perhaps the most careful and matured consideration. If every business man who sees this article will take the trouble to act on the advice I am about to give, I think that he will find failure reduced to a minimum.

First of all, let no man engage in business unless his nativity warrants his doing so with a fair amount of success.

Secondly, he should only engage in such type or species of business as will be in agreement with his nativity.

Third, whenever he proposes doing some new thing, such as starting a branch office or adding a new line to an already existing trade, he should make an election of a suitable time for his purpose before doing so. In these remarks I wish to confine myself more particularly to the third of these considerations since it is a perfectly easy matter nowadays for any man to consult a reliable astrologer with regard to the first and second considerations.

Elections seem to be a branch of the Astral science and art, however, which have been somewhat overlooked in these later days. Why this should be so no one can tell, since it is a very important branch, and may mean all the difference to a man between success and failure.

"There is a time to every purpose under the heavens," said Solomon,—a time to plant, a time to kill, etc. If so, there must be a proper time for our business man to open new campaigns on his own behalf.

The art of making an election is just the art of picking out this proper and appropriate time, and for the election to be really good it should have regard to the nativity of the person for whom it is made, for manifestly the "stars in their courses" may be fighting for one man and against another at one and the same moment of time.

For example, we will suppose a man engaged in trade wishes to open a branch business. We will take it for granted that his nativity promises success in trade and further in the particular type of trade which he has adopted. His first care must be to find out when he is coming under good astral influences or directions, and for this particular purpose, viz.—the opening of a branch business he should for preference be under a good direction, say a sextile or trine of the Sun or Moon to that planet which in his nativity has rule over business matters. The conjunction of the Sun and Moon is very good for this purpose, if the place of conjunction be favourably aspected by the benefics, Venus and Jupiter.

And then as to electing a favourable time to start the business, he must see to it that at the time chosen neither Saturn or Mars is in a degree afflicting the places before mentioned, and also that these places are supported as much as possible by good aspects of the benefics Venus and Jupiter. It is essential that on the actual day chosen, the Moon be in good aspect with both Mercury and Jupiter if possible, but at any rate with Jupiter; and what is equally important, she must not be affiicted by Saturn.

In addition to the above, it is advisable to secure that, at the actual hour of opening, the benefics are in elevation, viz.: in the tenth house or just culminating, while the second and fourth houses should be fortified or made strong, or at any rate free from the presence of the malefics.

Especially avoid a time which places Mars in the second, or an afflicted Saturn in the fourth house.

These instructions might seem difficult to be carried out to the uninitiated, but in actual practice the difficulties will to a great extent be proved illusory. Ordinary care and application will soon settle on a good time and the result will be found to be very gratifying.

A man with but an indifferent horoscope may by the selection of good times for his transactions, and so getting the best possible out of his nativity—find himself on a par with the man who has a poor piece of ground and yet by careful attention to times and seasons gets a living out of it. But of course he can never hope to equal the man with the more fortunate horoscope.

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Any human being who will have the presence of mind to clasp the hands behind the back and turn the face towards the zenith, may float at ease and in perfect safety in tolerably still water.

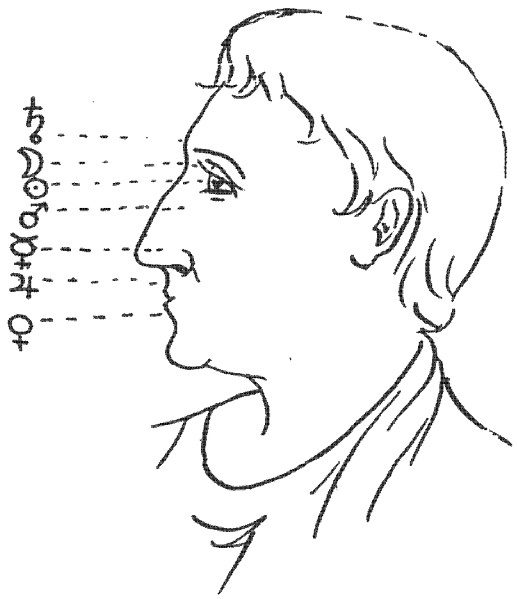
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Astrology in the Face.

How to Read the Character of Passers-by.

THE SANGUINE TEMPERAMENT.

The Sanguine person has a clear, florid, blooming, and pleasant complexion, what is usually termed fair complexion, and has an animated air of the countenance. The more florid the complexion the more sanguine, as far as this singularity is concerned. The sanguine temperament is further indicated by light or chestnut coloured hair, blue eyes,



and sparkling; by the easy and voluble motions of the body, the muscles hard and firm; combining grace and variety; body rather plump and fleshy. With this temperament, of which the physical circumstances I have stated are the indications combined—spirits lively and boisterous; but the feelings are singularly evanescent, and liable to be easily displaced, and succeeded by new impressions.

THE BILIOUS TEMPERAMENT.

The Bilious or Choleric Temperament is more noble than the sanguine. It is indicated by a darker swarthy complexion, of a ruddy character, dark brown, black, or red bushy hair; harsh skin, the eyes brown or hazel, vigorous, ardent, and piercing; strong and well defined muscular features. They are less than in the sanguine, but harder, and of a fiery confident aspect. Bilious persons have in everything a character of vigour and intensity; their susceptibilities, though as easily excited, are more vivid than in the sanguine, and are more under the dominion of real feeling.

THE NERVOUS TEMPERAMENT.

The Nervous or Melancholic Temperament evinces itself by a dry spare constitution; by a pale sallow complexion, by a sunken eye; by the cold, soft, heavy, languid outline; by its long features; by the delicate feminine form; by the fine black or brown hair; by the smooth skin, with small muscles; and by its unvarying character of permanent emotion. The bilious and nervous man possesses great energy and strong passions, overstepping the low, grovelling law of necessity, by which the bulk of mankind are urged to crawl their little rounds. The nervous temperament, when mixed with the bilious, its sensibilities are refined, which are essential to genius. To these mixed, almost all the great men may be traced, the leaders of mankind, who guide and govern in the arduous struggle of contending interests and passions.

THE LYMPHATIC TEMPERAMENT.

The Lymphatic or Phlegmatic Temperament is the least excitable of all the temperaments; it seems to be the morbid condition of the sanguine; it is characterised by a clear, soft, doughy skin, with full fleshy body, light hair, light grey eyes, pale complexion; the countenance is a soft undefined outline, heavy, indolent, and unmeaning; abounds with watery, tenacious mucilage; the slimy blood languid. This temperament was very large in the person of Daniel Lambert. The sanguine phlegmatic is a good combination, producing mild and estimable, if not highly energetic and commanding characters.

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The Oracle of Destiny.

THIS wonderful work is a mystical divining book, a copy of the original work possessed in manuscript by the Empress Josephine. The forms of obtaining the oracular responses are somewhat different to those used by Napoleon. In the book which lies before us, the first twelve pages contain 144 questions relating to all the casualties and events of human life divided into twelve houses, each having a separate and distinct class of twelve questions. The remainder of the work is divided into twelve circles, each circle containing the sixteen geomantic oracles of twelve answers each, thus forming 2304 answers to the 144 questions—a far greater number than is contained in any similar work ever published. The questions of the first house are answered by oracles of circle the first; the queries of the second house by the second circle and so on. The book contains two copies of the geomantic cards, or figures, which should be carefully cut into squares of equal size and mounted on good cardboard to preserve them. These will then form 32 squares which should be placed in a vase or reticule, and thoroughly mingled. When the question is resolved upon, let the officiating person hold the vase or reticule in the left hand, and allow the applicant to take (without seeing them) one of the figures out, which will decide the geomantic oracle under which the answer is to be sought as in the following examples.

Example of the First House and Circle.

QUESTION VII.

What does the beginning of my present adventure prognosticate?

Upon selecting an emblem from the mystic vase, the geomantic oracle drawn was Acquisitio. As this question is the seventh question of the first house, we refer to the Oracle of Acquisitio, circle the first. Now, as the question is the seventh of the first house, so will the answer be found in the seventh response of the oracle, which is—"This geomantic omen is not good for the sale of any goods; in all other matters it promises gain."

Example of the Second House and Circle.

QUESTION IX.

Will the messenger I have sent be successful, and return with good news?

The emblem drawn was Fortuna Minor, and, as this was the ninth question of the second house, we turn to circle the second, and there under the oracle Fortuna Minor, at the ninth answer, is the following —"9. If the messenger is trustworthy, you may expect success from the errand."

Example of the Third House and Circle.

QUESTION VIII.

Will the journey itself be profitable and agreeable, or not? And upon referring to circle the third, Oracle Puer, at the eighth answer, we find—"It will present to you many agreeables, and be likewise profitable to you in your affairs."

The book is a very remarkable production and a treasury of information, of which our rapid review and limited space can afford but a meagre outline. We understand the complete work can be obtained from any bookseller for a shilling; or the publishers, Messrs. W. Foulsham and Co., 4, Pilgrim Street, London, E.C., will be pleased to forward it to any address on receipt of 1s. 2d. Ask for "Raphael's Key to Futurity."



In a perfectly formed female figure, twice round the thumb should be once round the wrist; twice round the wrist, once round the upper arm; twice this, once round the neck; one and a half times the circumference of the neck equals that of the waist.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

Sun's Entry into Capricorn.

At the moment of the Sun's entry into the sign Capricorn (December 22nd, 1907, 11.52 p.m.) the end of the sign Virgo will be rising, and Mercury, ruler of the figure, will be in Sagittarius in square to Mars and Saturn. This points to much unrest and excitement among the people, the minds of men turbulent, and much poverty and depression in the land. The health of the people will be far from good, and an epidemic of consumption or influenza will be experienced. Trouble and dissatisfaction in the Navy, and disasters on battleships will be heard of. The death rate will be much above the average. There will be a phenomenal output of literary work and journalistic effort, a great many cases of fraud and forgery, and trouble among postal and railway employees. Some serious accidents are also threatened on railways.

Trade Prospects.

The financial condition of the country will improve, and trade will be better, also Colonial matters will be much more satisfactory. The affliction of Mercury, ruler of the mid-heaven, is not good for Royalty, and denotes scandal in high life, as well as much sickness therein. Neptune in the tenth points to involved action on the part of the Government. The conjunction of the Moon and Jupiter in the eleventh points to a democratic movement in the Commons, and measures of such a nature will be forthcoming, but, as Jupiter is retrograde, it is doubtful if they will come to completion. The affairs of workhouse and hospital life will attract attention and much adverse comment, and fraud in connection therewith will be brought to light.

America.

At Washington the end of Cancer will be rising and the ingress will take place in the sixth house. There will be an improved condition of people generally, albeit the public health will not be good, rheumatic complaints being heavy, as well as lung troubles and influenza. The conjunction of Jupiter and the Moon in the second house is favourable for trade and finance, and a prosperous quarter is foreshadowed. Venus setting, in sextile to Saturn, is favourable for peace and for dealings with other countries. Mars conjoined with Saturn in the ninth points to violent storms and much damage to shipping. At San Francisco the ingress takes place in the eighth, foreshadowing heavy mortality among prominent people. Neptune in the

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second points to fraud and swindling, and an involved state of finance. Shipping affairs will be more prosperous.

China and Japan.

At Pekin Mars and Saturn will be conjoined on the third, showing many accidents, and trouble with railways and means of communication. At Tokio the Moon and Jupiter will be conjoined in the seventh, and Mars and Saturn in the second, with Mercury in the eleventh. This is favourable for peace, and may bring about a treaty with another power. Disasters will occur in finance, and disputes in the ruling circles concerning it.

Australia and South Africa.

At Melbourne the Moon and Jupiter will be in the sixth, showing a healthy condition of the people and also a more prosperous state. Some disasters will occur in money matters and banking companies. Mercury in the third, afflicted, is an augury of accidents on railways, and trouble with postal and railway employees. At Cape Town the ingress takes place in the third, which is unfavourable for railways and postal affairs. Accidents and unrest among employees are indicated. The conjunction of the Moon and Jupiter in the eleventh is favourable for the Government, and beneficial measures will be passed. Mars and Saturn in the sixth points to much sickness, and an epidemic is to feared.

Germany and Russia.

At Berlin Neptune culminates and Uranus is exactly on the Nadir. This is ominous to the ruling powers and points to much unrest, strikes, and disturbances. There will be much sickness in the country, and accidents on warships are denoted. At St. Petersburg the Moon is conjoined with Jupiter in the tenth, denoting a better time for the ruling powers, increase of honour and dignity. Mars and Saturn in the fifth points to mortality among children, and a conflagration at a place of amusement.

General Predictions.

France and Italy will benefit through Jupiter at the ingress, but Portugal and Normandy will suffer severely. Seismic troubles are threatened in about 15 E. Long., also from 79 to 83 E. Long. In 97 to 101 W. Long. heavy storms are threatened.

Conjunction of Mars and Saturn.

At the moment of these planets being in conjunction (December 30, 1907, 11.55 a.m.) the sign Aries rises at Greenwich, and the rulers of the first and tenth are in the twelfth. This is evil for the King and people and denotes heavy mortality amongst the nobility, the deep tolling of the minute bell will be heard, and the half-mast flag will be seen all over the country. There will be a large increase of crime, and hospitals and institutions will be in sore straits. In 76 E. Long. the two planets will be culminating, and this will be evil for the Indian Empire, and a great man in that part of the world will pass away. A terribly destructive earthquake will occur in 104 W. Long. This conjunction will be marked by a terrible hurricane off the coasts, especially of the West of Ireland and Portugal. At Lisbon also the two planets are rising, and heavy trouble is threatened there.

New Moon.

The lunation of the 5th December, 10.22 a.m., falls in the eleventh house in trine to Jupiter in the seventh. This is favourable for the peace of the nation and denotes the settlement of disputes with other countries. Some treaty or alliance may be brought about in spite of the double dealing and treachery likely to result from Neptune on the cusp of the seventh. There will be much unrest among the people; strikes and differences between master and man. The position of Mars and Saturn in the second is evil for the revenue. The marriage rate will be on the increase, and some notable alliances will occur, possibly among Royalty. Mercury in the tenth, in trine to Saturn, points to honours to men of science, and some notable discoveries are probable.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR DECEMBER, 1907.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	5th	... 10h. 22m. morn.
First Quarter,	12th	... 2h. 16m. morn.
Full Moon,	19th	... 5h. 55m. aft.
Last Quarter,	27th	... 11h. 10m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

The Sun is in Sagittarius until the 22nd, then enters Capricorn and the winter Quarter commences.

MERCURY is a morning star all the month, in Scorpio until the 11th, then passes into Sagittarius, enters Capricorn on the 31st.

VENUS is an evening star all the month, in Sagittarius until the 3rd, then passes through Capricorn and enters Aquarius on the 27th. It is not very well situated for observation being low down in the south-west just after sunset.

MARS is an evening star in Pisces, favourably placed for observation in the south after sunset. Is in conjunction with Saturn on the 30th.

JUPITER is a morning star in Leo all the month.

SATURN is an evening star in Pisces all the month.

URANUS is in Capricorn gradually nearing the western horizon at sunset.

NEPTUNE is in Cancer, approaching opposition with the Sun and being better situated for telescopic observation.

The Weather.

The month opens changeable, finer about 6th, wet to 10th, cold and changeable to 14th, high winds, snow, to the 20th. Cold with snow about 'Xmas, variable to the end, with a violent gale at the close of the month.

FOR OUR FRIENDS IN INDIA AND THE FAR EAST.

THIS figure is a Hindoo Talisman much in vogue among the high caste Brahmins. There is the lighted torch of long life; the eastern knife dagger as protection against enemies; the cup of plenty and the ring for domestic happiness; at the foot lie the tiger and the cow, a symbol of peace. This is



much valued by all classes of Hindoos and is considered a strong talisman for peace, goodwill, domestic happiness, and agricultural success. It is sometimes worn engraved on metal (silver), but more frequently as a parchment pentacle enclosed in a bag and worn on the bosom.

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The Science of Palmistry—III.

4. HEPATICA; OR, THE LIVER LINE.

This line runs from the outside of the hand under ☿ to the base of 4. If it is straight and strongly defined, it signifies a robust constitution, a merry disposition and great intelligence. If it is short and broken, it foretells sickness and death. If it throws out branches near its commencement, it portends a mischievous inclination to play pranks; it also shows wit, acuteness, great determination, and presence of mind.

5. RASCETTA; OR, THE WRIST LINE.

When this line is perfect and unbroken, it signifies good fortune in all matters of importance. It portends health, strength, success in love and money matters, and a happy and long life. If the Rascetta line is broken and imperfect, it portends a long life, and final success, after enduring many hardships and trials.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE FINGERS.

The structure of the hand itself is most admirable in respect to the proportion it beareth to the face, and certain parts thereof, which is this:

1. The whole hand is of equal length with the face.

2. The greater joint of the forefinger from finger end equals the height of the forehead.

3. The other two (to the extremity of the nail) is just the length of the nose, viz., from the intercelia, or place between the eyebrows, to the tip of the nostrils.

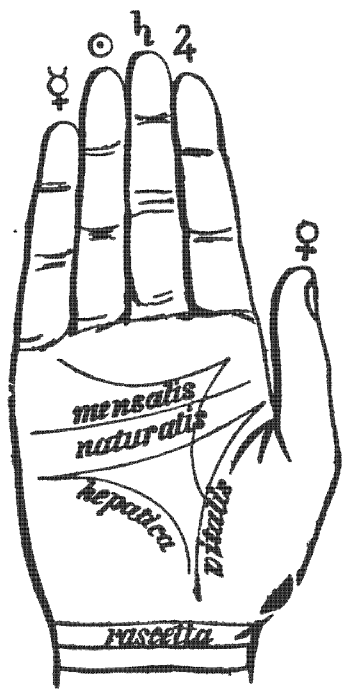
4. The first and greater joint of the middle finger, is just as long as it is between the bottom of the chin and the top of the under lip.

5. But the third joint of the same finger is of equal length with the distance that is between the mouth and lower part of nostrils.

6. The largest joint of the thumb gives the width of the mouth.

7. The distance between the bottom of the chin and the top of the lower lip, the same.

8. The lesser joint of the thumb is equal to the distance between the top of the under lip and the lower part of the nostrils. The



nails measure just the half of their respective uppermost joints, which they call omychios.

OF THE NAILS ON THE FINGERS.

Broad nails show a person to be bashful, fearful, but of a gentle nature. When there is a certain white mark at the extremity of them, it shows that the person has more honesty than subtlety, and his worldly substance will be impaired through negligence. White nails and long denote much sickness and infirmity, especially fevers; an indication of strength and deceit by women. If upon the white anything appears at the extremity that is pale, it denotes short life by sudden death, and the person to be given to melancholy.

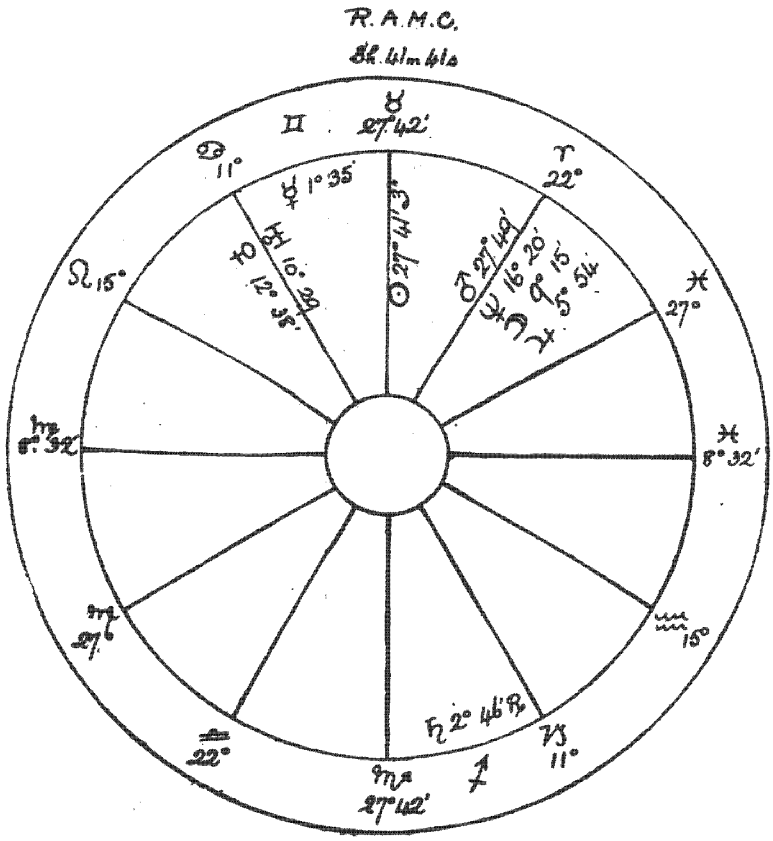
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

III.—The Emperor Nicholas of Russia.

THE subject of our sketch for this month is the Emperor Nicholas of Russia, who was born at a few minutes past noon on the 18th May, 1868, at St. Petersburg, Russia.

The ninth degree of Virgo rises and Mercury ruler of the horoscope is placed in Gemini in the tenth house, in opposition to Saturn and sextile to Jupiter. The Sun is exactly on the meridian, in Taurus, and the Moon is in Aries in the eighth house, separating from Jupiter and in square to Venus and Uranus. The affliction of the ruler of the horoscope and the sun points to many limitations and hindrances in life, obstacles to contend with; but as both are elevated above all the other planets, he should be able eventually to overcome them. But he is led too much by his advisers, he does not act sufficiently upon his own initiative, and while this is so, and he remains tied down, and does not break away from the limitations imposed upon him by the opposition of Saturn to Mercury, there will be very little forward progress in his empire.



The Czar is not a strong man, either mentally or physically; he lacks stamina, depth of purpose, and resolution. Internally he may be to some extent persistent, and determined, but in his personality he is inclined to be changeable and indecisive. Feminine influence plays a great part in his life, and it is said that he is very much influenced by the opinions of his mother the Dowager Empress, and this is not unlikely. Note Venus conjunction Uranus in the sign Cancer. The moon applying to the square of Uranus and conjunction of Neptune is ominous of plots, ambushes, and some danger of violence, and the Sun's application to the opposition of Saturn, albeit a very weak aspect, is somewhat a corroboration of this. The directions in operation are strongly significant of violence, and during the next

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three years. In 1908 the Sun will reach the square of Jupiter, which will deplete the country's exchequer, and produce parliamentary disputes and religious troubles. In 1909 Mars will have reached the Sun's radical place, and grave danger to life and person will then occur, especially during January of that year. In 1912 the Sun will reach the square of the Moon, and the year following the conjunction of Uranus and these two influences are likely to prove of fatal import, if the end has not come previously. There are no good influences whatever during several years to come, and the outlook for the Emperor and country is exceedingly black.

It is not generally known that the hand travels almost as fast, if not so far, as the foot. An ingenious calculator has been setting down the record of its progression. A rapid penman writes thirty words a minute, and in doing so—what with curves and turns of the pen necessitated by every word, not to mention crossing his "t's"—draws his pen through sixteen feet of space.

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Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure.

1	16 ♎ 44	An unfavourable day for most purposes. Keep quiet.
2	0 ♏ 15	Marry in the morning, travel and make plans in the afternoon.
3	14 11	Avoid quarrels in morning. Evening, correspond, deal with old people.
4	25 31	Attend to letters in morning, act carefully in all matters afterwards.
5	13 ♐ 9	An excellent day for all purposes. Visit friends, make new enterprises
6	27 58	Keep quiet in morning. Afternoon and evening excellent for pleasure.
7	12 ♑ 50	Keep very quiet up to 4 p.m. Do not travel. Social duties after 4.
8	27 38	Shop in the morning, and attend to correspondence. Keep quiet after.
9	12 ♒ 15	Unfavourable before 4 p.m. Ask favours. Visit in the evening.
10	26 37	A most unfavourable day for all purposes.
11	10 ♓ 42	Evil before 10 a.m. after that good for courting and travel.
12	24 28	Evil for travel. Love affairs and dealings with others.
13	7 ♈ 57	A good day for shopping, but act carefully.
14	21 8	Ask favours, deal with superiors, and push affairs in middle of day.
15	4 ♉ 5	A very doubtful day for purposes of all kind.
16	16 47	Visit friends in the morning. In the evening deal with elderly people.
17	29 17	A doubtful day until after 7 p.m. Then attend to social duties.
18	11 ♊ 35	Avoid correspondence. Pay calls between 12 and 3 then keep quiet.
19	23 44	Unfavourable until 7 p.m. Attend to correspondence after that hour.
20	5 ♋ 44	A quiet day. Read and study.
21	17 37	Travel, deal with elders, attend to business and letters before 8 p.m.
22	29 26	Be careful to avoid disputes and keep very quiet.
23	11 ♌ 13	Visit friends, pay social calls in afternoon.
24	23 2	A quiet day generally. Avoid strangers.
25	4 ♍ 56	*Of thine abundance give to him that needeth.*
26	16 59	An evil day. Avoid entertainments. Take care to avoid accidents.
27	29 15	Evil for all things in the morning. Pay social calls in the afternoon.
28	11 ♎ 50	Pay social calls before noon. Rest quiet for remainder of day.
29	24 48	Stay at home in the morning. Attend to correspondence after 4 p.m.
30	8 ♏ 12	An evil day. Avoid strangers, be careful in dealings with others.
31	22 2	Do business, travel, deal with elders in forenoon. Afternoon is evil.

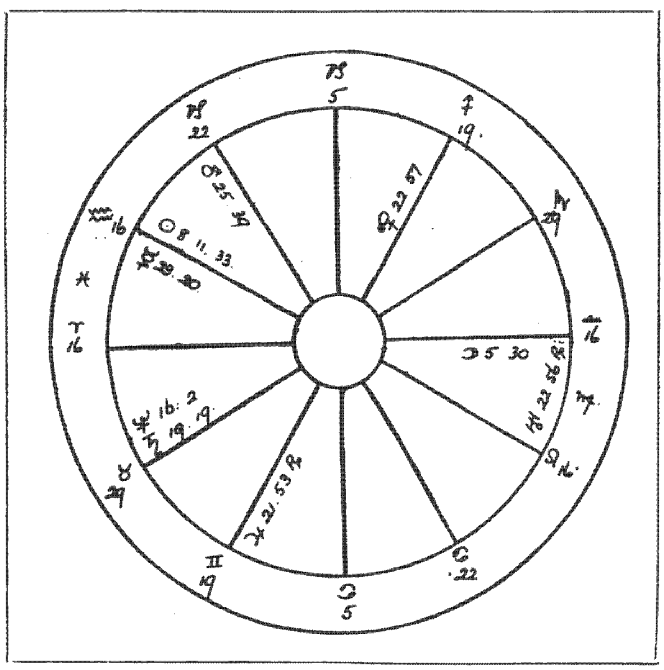
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Example Horoscope for Students.

Tragic Marriage.

THE example horoscope we give this month is that of a young man who married and lost his wife in four months. He was born in the county of Durham on January 28th, 1883, at 10 a.m. He was married on the 29th February 1894, his wife died on June 22nd of the same year. The cause of the tragic episode is not far to seek when we examine the birth figure. The planet which receives the moon's first application, together with the seventh house, and the condition of its ruler are the factors to be considered in this respect.

The moon applies to a trine aspect of the Sun, and this latter is the significator of the wife, but the Sun is terribly afflicted, by a square of Neptune, a semi-square of Venus and sesquiquadrate of Jupiter and Neptune. This in itself is not sufficient to account for the tragic nature of the event, for the Moon's application is by a trinal beam which is beneficial, and therefore it is essential to look to other factors for the cause of the event. We have it in the affliction of Venus the ruler of the seventh. This planet is in the ninth house in exact square to Uranus, opposition to Jupiter, and semi-square the Sun, and it is to this particular set of evil influences the nature and cause of the event must be placed.



We will now turn our attention to the directions operating just at these particular dates, as it must be apparent that the influences were very peculiar and widely different to have produced two such important events, one so widely different to the other, within so short a space of time.

By direct motion the Moon had reached the cusp of the fifth house, ruling attachments, and was in sextile to Saturn; by converse motion it was in conjunction with Venus, square Uranus and opposition Jupiter. It is a point of interest to note that the wedding took place under the Moon's direction to the radical evil.

At the same time we must note that the Meridian was direction to the conjunction of Mars, an evil direction, while by converse motion the ascendant was directed to the square of Neptune, and parallel of Saturn.

At the death of the wife the Moon was within two degrees of an opposition of Mars.

All these directions are quite in accordance with the nature of the two events, but the actual influences on the two dates are also to be considered in the matter.

On the day of the marriage, 29th February, 1904, the meridian of the Diurnal Horoscope was in conjunction with Venus, while that planet was almost on the place of the Sun at birth. The day was an evil one for marriage.

On the day of the wife's death, 22nd June, 1904, Mars was in transit over the opposition of Venus, square of Mars, and over Jupiter's radical place. The meridian of the lunar equivalent was 22 Gemini, the place of Jupiter, and opposition of Venus, while the place of Uranus was just rising. The previous lunation occurred in 22 Gemini afflicting the same three planets. Thus we see that the daily influences were in accordance with the operating directions and the radical influences and the two events fell out in conformity thereto.

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Glossary of Astrological Terms.

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IN this glossary we purpose giving a clear explanation of the phrases in general use amongst astrologers. It is intended to form a useful reference for students and others.

ASCENDANT : This is the first house, or that point which rises at birth.

ASCENDING : When a planet is between the fourth and tenth house; it is always the east.

ASPECTS : This means the relationship one planet, or sign, has to another in the zodiac. The Table of Aspects should be well studied; it is important.

ANGLES : The cardinal points forming the cross or square; the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth houses.

AFFLICTION : When a planet is on the cross (square) or in opposition, it is said to afflict.

APPLICATION : As its name applies, when one planet applies to another. The Moon applies to all the planets, being the quickest traveller.

ARIES (the Ram—♈) : The first sign of the zodiac. In making up the 360° in the zodiac, we count from 0° of Aries. The Sun enters Aries on the 21st of March each year.

AQUARIUS (the Water-bearer—♒) : The eleventh sign of the zodiac, or 300° from the 0° of Aries. The Sun enters Aquarius about the 21st of January each year.

AIRY SIGNS : Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. These are the mental signs.

BENEFICS : Jupiter and Venus are always good, because they give Hope and Love; and, if we add the Sun, we have Faith, Hope, and Charity.

BESIEGED : A term used when a planet is found between two others; if between Jupiter and Venus, it is good; if between Saturn and Mars, evil.

BI-CORPOREAL SIGNS.—So-called because they are double. The signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces.

CADENT : The third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth houses are cadent. It means falling from angles.

CARDINAL SIGNS : Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn. These four signs form the $\overset{S}{\underset{N}{E+W}}$; they are important signs.

CANCER (the Crab—♋) : The fourth sign of the zodiac; it is 90° from 0° ♈. The Sun enters Cancer on 21st June.

CAPRICORN (the Goat—♑) : The tenth sign of the zodiac, into which the Sun enters on the 21st of December.

COMMON SIGNS : Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces.

CONJUNCTION (☌) : When two planets are close together, or within orbs of each other. At New Moon the Moon is conjunction Sun.

CUSP : The beginning of any house. At noon the Sun is on the cusp of the tenth house. It means the first point of the houses.

CULMINATE : When a planet is in the mid-heaven, it is said to culminate; it means being on the cusp of the tenth.

DEGREE (°) : The 360th part of the zodiac; its mark is °; 90° is a square, 120° a trine of the zodiac.

DESCENDANT : The seventh house, or opposite to the Ascendant; the west.

DETRIMENT : A planet in a sign opposite to its own house is in its detriment. The house of the Moon is Cancer. When the Moon is in Capricorn, it is in its detriment.

DECLINATION : The distance any planet is north or south of the Equator.

DESCENDING : When a planet is between the tenth and seventh houses.

DECREASING IN LIGHT : When a planet is past the opposition of the Sun, it is then said to be weak.

DIGNITIES : When a planet is in exaltation, or in an angle, increasing in light, etc.

DRAGON'S HEAD (☊) : The ☽'s North Node, or when she crosses the ecliptic into north latitude. The Moon's course is of a serpentine form, having a head and tail.

DRAGON'S TAIL (☋) : The ☽'s South Node when she crosses into south latitude.

DIRECT : When the planets are moving in their true order through the zodiac.

DIRECTIONS : The period after birth. The position of the planets as life advances. The Sun moves about one degree per day, and this is equivalent to one year. The thirtieth day after birth would denote the thirtieth year of life, and the Directions would be taken out of the ephemeris for this day, the Sun's aspects forming the primary directions and the Moon the secondary.

EARTHLY SIGNS : Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn.

ECLIPSE : An obscuration of a heavenly body, owing to the interposition of another. The Moon in the shadow of the Earth is eclipsed.

ECLIPTIC : The circle of the heavens which the Sun appears to describe in the course of the year, in consequence of the earth's motion round him.

ELEVATED : The planet nearest to the mid-heaven is elevated over any other.

EPHEMERIS : A table for each day, giving the latitude and longitude of the planets. "Raphael's" *Ephemeris*, price 1/-, is considered the best. It is all that is needed to cast the horoscope.

EQUINOCTIAL SIGNS : Aries and Libra.

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EXALTATION : There are certain houses in which a planet is exalted, as follows : Sun, Aries ; Moon, Taurus ; Mercury, Gemini ; Jupiter, Cancer ; Saturn, Libra ; Mars, Capricorn ; Venus, Pisces.

FALL : When a planet is in a sign opposite to its exaltation, it is weak.

FEMININE SIGNS : The odd signs, as Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces.

FIERY SIGNS : Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.

FIGURE : A map of the heavens is called by astrologers a figure.

FIXED SIGNS : Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius.

FORTUNES : Jupiter, Venus, and the Sun when well placed.

FRUITFUL SIGNS : Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

GEMINI (♊) : The third sign, or house of Mercury. The Sun enters the sign about 21st May.

GENETHLIACAL : That which applies to the geniture in nativity.

GEOCENTRIC : As viewed from the centre of the earth.

HELIOCENTRIC : As seen from, or having reference to, the centre of the Sun.

HOUSE : One of the twelve divisions of the horoscope.

IMUM CŒLE : The fourth house, or lower meridian.

INCREASING IN LIGHT : When the Moon or any planet is leaving the Sun, until the opposition is reached.

INFORTUNES : Saturn, Mars, and Uranus when afflicted.

INTERCEPTED : A sign lying between the cusp of two houses.

LATITUDE : The distance of any planet north or south of the ecliptic.

LEO (♌) : The fifth sign in the zodiac ; the house of the Sun.

LIBRA (♎) : The seventh sign and house of Venus.

LOGARITHMS : Of great use to astrologers. A Table of artificial numbers, to be found at the back of "Raphael's" *Ephemeris*.

LONGITUDE : The angular distance of a heavenly body from the first point of Aries, measured from the ecliptic as seen from the earth.

LORD : The ruler of a sign or house. Mars is the lord of Aries, and if Aries was in the Ascendant, it would be lord and ruler.

LUMINARIES : The Sun and Moon.

LUNATION : A lunar period.

MALEFICS : See Infortunes.

MASCULINE SIGNS : Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius.

MASCULINE PLANETS : Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn.

MODERN ASTROLOGY : A monthly magazine of interest to all thinkers.

NORTHERN SIGNS : Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo.

OCCIDENTAL : The western portion of the map.

OPPOSITION : When two planets are opposite each other, or 180° distant.

ORBS : The orbs of the planets are the number of degrees allowed to each in which their influence is felt. Five degrees all round is the safest number to give.

ORIENTAL : When a planet is in the eastern part of the heavens.

PARALLELS : The declination north or south of the equator. It is a position considered of the nature of a conjunction.

PART OF FORTUNE : A point in the horoscope where the rays of the Sun and Moon converge.

PISCES (♓) : The twelfth sign of the zodiac.

QUERENT : One who asks a horary question.

QUESITED : The one enquired about.

QUINTILE : An aspect of 72° in longitude.

RADICAL : That which is connected with the radix, or root, dealing with the horoscope.

RECEPTION : The planet that receives the aspect.

RECTIFICATION : A method by which the true Ascendant is discovered.

RETROGRADE : An apparent motion of a planet that is not in the order of the signs.

REVOLUTIONS : A solar revolution is the return of the Sun ☉ to its place at birth.

SAGITTARIUS (♐) : The ninth sign of the zodiac.

SCHEME : A map of the heavens.

SEMI-SQUARE (∠) : An aspect of 45° difference in longitude ; an evil aspect.

SEMI-SEXTILE (⚺) : A difference of 30° in longitude ; a weak, good aspect.

SEPARATION : When a planet is separating from another.

SESQUIQUADRATE (⚼) : An evil aspect being a difference of 135° in longitude.

SEXTILE (⚹) : A good aspect, a difference of 60° in longitude.

SIGNIFICATOR : The ruling planet, or word, of the Ascendant.

SOUTHERN SIGNS : Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.

SPECULUM : A Table of the aspects in the horoscope.

STATIONARY : When a planet appears to have no motion, it is said to be stationary.

SUCCEDENT : Those houses which follow the angles. The second, fifth, eighth, eleventh.

TABLE OF HOUSES : A Table for calculating nativities.

TAURUS (♉) : The second sign of the zodiac and the house of Venus.

TRANSITS : The passing of the planets over places or points in the horoscopes by daily motion, as seen from the *Ephemeris*.

TRINE (△) : A good aspect ; a difference of 120° in longitude.

URANUS (♅) : The name given to the planet Uranus, or Herschel.

VIRGO (♍) : The sixth sign in the zodiac ; the house of Mercury.

ZENITH : The point directly overhead. The pole of the horizon.

ZODIAC : The belt of the heavens containing the twelve signs, divided into 30° parts each, making 360°.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

III.—Character Development.—*Continued.*

IN dealing with the subject of character development, which, it is to be understood, embraces mental expansion as well as the purely improvement and development of the character, we must bear in mind the well-known but hackneyed phrase that "Character is Destiny." That character is destiny is no sentimental opinion, but a perfect truism, and stands for the *ultima Thuli* of practical astrology.

To begin with this subject, it may be justly asked, to what extent can the development of the mind and character affect our destiny? Let us take for example a person with a violent temper. Look what troubles are brought on his or her shoulders; disputes with that party; high words with another, leading perhaps to blows, and even public exposure. Again, the lad who is guilty of petty pilfering; to what extent may this evil habit lead him, if allowed to be unchecked? Again, the girl who is careless and untidy, what opportunities and advantages may in future years be lost, and what unhappiness may be her lot, if this fault is allowed to grow? Many troubles in future life may be avoided, many advantages gained, and the life may even be prolonged by a proper development of the mind and character.

But here comes another question, equally as reasonable, though perhaps arising from incorrect ideas respecting the science. If as you say, a person is born, predisposed to certain faults, such as evil temper, pilfering, untidyness, if he is under the influence of the stars, how can he break away from these habits or even control them? This is a point which is often met with and discloses the fact that so many people believe that astrology teaches fatalism. It is, however, a mistaken idea. It has been laid down by the oldest author on astrology, one whom we have more than once referred to in these pages that "the stars incline but do not compel" and, therefore, it is perfectly within the scope of each and all of us to overcome evil faults within us, and so to improve and develop our characters that we may be able to control our lives and govern our destinies.

A case within the knowledge of the writer may be brought forward in support of this argument. It is that of an old lady, who has Mercury in square to Mars. She has a frightful temper, is vengeful, vindictive, and spiteful, both by act and speech. She brings no end of troubles on herself, and the one thing she delights in is making mischief between others. Now, supposing this person, years ago, had battled with this evil trait, and had crushed it, see what unhappiness she would have avoided; and in her old age, instead of being, as she is, hated by all, she might be the object of respect and regard.

I know it has been said, and what is more, by astrologers themselves, that we are creatures of fate; that we have no power to overcome the influence of the stars, and that it is useless trying so to do. My dear readers, if this is so, of what use is astrology to us; what good can it do to help us in our journey through life? Do not be led away by such pessimistic and unchristian ideas; it is wholly and utterly wrong. We have undoubtedly the power to improve our life and destinies by developing and improving our characters, and the science of astrology is the means given to us to do so.

Unfortunately, it is sad to say, very few people care a rap about their characters. "I know my character better than you can tell me," has on several occasions been flung at me, when I have endeavoured to explain how one's future life may be regulated by improving the character. And it is useless talking to these people. No, all they think about is worldly prospects and success; what the future is going to bring forth. Anything and everything that is connected with the fortune-telling side of the science is ever in demand, but that which is for the real and practical benefit of each one of us is, to all intents and purposes, ignored. Not long ago I took the opportunity of putting this matter to a practical test. Several hundred coupons were distributed to people interested in astrology, offering special advice on various matters, the same as are being dealt with in these articles. Just over 500 were returned, and out of these all that asked for advice on the subject of our present article, could be counted *on the fingers of one hand.*

Much more could be written on this subject than can at present be found space for. Scores of illustrations can be brought forward to incontestably prove that the life and destiny may be made brighter and more successful, and even that catastrophes can be averted, by character development. An evil temper may lead to murder, or even a violent end; a little habit of pilfering, may lead to thieving, and a convict's garb; and slatternliness and untidyness to want and poverty; when by careful checking of each fault, daily battling against it, such a future may and could be averted, and a happy and useful life be the outcome of it all.

Now, in concluding this subject, we throw out the suggestion that our readers should put our theories to a practical test. All of us, without exception, have some failing or weakness. Let each one watch carefully and note the times when this special fault is working, and try to check it and eradicate it from their lives. Such a practical example as this will serve more than pages of theory or moralising, and will serve to prove once and finally the truth of the sentence, that "Character is Destiny."

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Astrology and its Exponents.

II.—Astrology in the Early Ages.

IN our first paper on this subject, we discussed the antiquity of astrology, and the possible date at which it was first originated, and we saw clearly that right back to the very earliest ages the science was studied and practised.

As far as we are able to trace, the first astrologer of any great importance was an Egyptian, Hermes, by name, who lived at a period anterior to that of Moses. In the *Plea for Urania*, published in 1854, the following occurs, in reference to this remarkable man: "That there was anciently among the Egyptians such a man as Thoth, Theuth, or Taut, who, together with letters, was the first inventor of arts and sciences, ... and of the hieroglyphic learning (therefore called by Greeks, Hermes; and by the Latins, Mercurius), cannot be denied, it being a thing confirmed by general fame in all ages, and by the testimonies not only of Sancuniathan, a Phoenician Historigrapher, who lived about the time of the Trojan war, and wrote a book concerning the Egyptian theology, and Manethos Sebennyta, an Egyptian priest, ... but also of that grave philosopher, Plato, who is said to have sojourned thirteen years in Egypt. . . . . Again, besides this Thoth or Theuth, who was called the *first* Hermes, the Egyptians had also afterwards another eminent advancer or restorer of learning, who was called the second Hermes. . . . . The former of these two Hermes' was the inventor of arts and sciences; the latter, the restorer and advancer of them. The first wrote in hieroglyphics, upon pillars; the second interpreted and translated those hieroglyphics, composing many books in several arts and sciences, which Trismegistic or Hermetic books were said to be carefully preserved by the priests in the inner recesses of the temples. That some of the ancient books, written by Hermes Trismegist himself—or believed to be such by the Egyptians, and kept in the custody of their priests—were still in being and extant amongst them after the times of Christianity seems to be unquestionable, from the testimony of Father Clemens Alexandrinus, he giving this particular account of them. . . . . The Egyptians follow a certain peculiar philosophy of their own, which may be declared by setting down the order of their religious processions. First, therefore, goes the Precentor, carrying two of Hermes' books along with him, the one of which contains the Hymns of the Gods, and other directions for the kingly office. After him follows the *Horoscopus*, who is particularly instructed in Hermes, his astrological books, which are four. Then succeeds the Hierogrammateus, or sacred scribe, with feathers upon his head, and a book and a rule in his hands, to which it belongeth to be thoroughly acquainted with the hieroglyphics, as also with cosmography, geography, the order of the sun, moon and five planets, the chorography of Egypt, and description of the Nile. . . . . Wherefore, amongst the books of Hermes, there are forty-two accounted most necessary. . ."

It is stated that Hermes Trismegist's four books were the basis of Ptolemy's Quadripartite, which is very probable.

In Persia from a very early date, both magic and astrology prevailed. A celebrated Persian philosopher lived in the reign of Darius Hystaspis, whose Persian name was Gushtasp. It is related that in the reign of Gushtasp, King of Persia, a celebrated Astrologer flourished, whose name was Gjamasp, surnamed Al Hakim, or the Wise. A passage occurs in a very ancient author, who wrote an account of ten very famous Persian doctors, as follows:—"Of these, the sixth, was Gjamasp, an astrologer who was counsellor to Hystaspis. He is the author of a book entitled, *Judicia Gjamaspis*, in which is contained his judgment on the planetary conjunctions. Therein he gave notice that Jesus should appear; that Mahomet should be born; that the Magian religion should be abolished. Nor did any astrologer come up to him."

The modern Persians are still most devoted votaries of astral science, and Major-General Sir T. H. Malcolm, in his history of Persia, states:—"They (the Persians) study astronomy chiefly for the purpose of becoming skilled in judicial astrology, a science in which the whole nation, from the monarch to the peasant, has the greatest faith. A very slight knowledge of astronomy is sufficient to allow a student to profess the occult science of judicial astrology. If he can take an altitude with an astrolabe, knows the names of the planets and their different mansions, with a few technical phrases, and understands the astrological almanacs which are annually published—he deems himself entitled to offer his services to all who wish to consult him; that is to every person in Persia who has the means of rewarding his skill. Nothing is done by a man of consequence or property without reference to the stars. If any measure is to be adopted, if a voyage or journey is to be commenced, if a new dress is to be put on, the lucky or unlucky moment must be discovered, and the almanac and astrologer are consulted. A person wishing to set out on a journey will not allow a lucky day to escape even though he be not ready to start. He leaves his own house at the propitious moment and remains, till he can proceed, in some incommodious lodging, satisfied that by quitting his home he has secured all the benefits which the influence of good stars can afford him."

In ancient Greece, Anaximander, the friend and disciple of Thales, may be mentioned as one of the earliest astral philosophers, also Anaxagoras, who devoted his life to the science. Also may be mentioned Pythagoras, Plato, Porphyry, Aristotle and, later, Proclus. The great Hippocrates was known to have said that the man who was ignorant of the science of astrology deserved to be called a fool rather than a physician. Modern writers in their

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boasting conceit, write of astrologers, as "silly people who have no real learning and have never been taught to think," and that their books were only published to "dupe the credulous and impress silly people." While Mr. Andrew Lang speaks in a most disrespectful manner of the ancient philosophers as "prehistoric idiots." Such cynical sneers as these, however, may be dismissed with contempt, when we find amongst exponents and writers on the science some of the greatest philosophers and sages of all ages and races. Those whose names are mentioned above are only a few of the more noted Greek sages; we shall mention scores of others in other nations as we proceed.

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With these figures in mind we turn to Dr. Simmonite's profound yet simple volume "The Prognostic or Predictive Science of Astrology," which is a veritable mine of information for students and others. As an everyday guide for beginners we have not yet met its equal. Here is a sample taken at random from the many questions to which answers may be readily obtained by following the very lucid instructions which accompany them.

Is it well to remove abroad?
Should I do well in a certain place?
Shall I accept a partner?
Shall we agree?
Will my health be good?
Shall I recover from my illness?
Shall I obtain a situation?
Shall I stay long?
Shall I continue in my present situation?
Shall I gain the law suit?
Shall I meet with an accident?
Shall I purchase this business?
Shall I purchase this property?
Is my absent friend alive?
Shall I marry?
What kind of person?
Is my lover sincere?
Has he or she another lover?
Will a former lover address me?
Is my lover rich or not?
Shall I gain the object I have in view?
Will a certain ship arrive safely?
Shall I purchase certain cattle?
Shall I do well in selling cattle?
Shall I engage a servant?
Will he or she be honest?

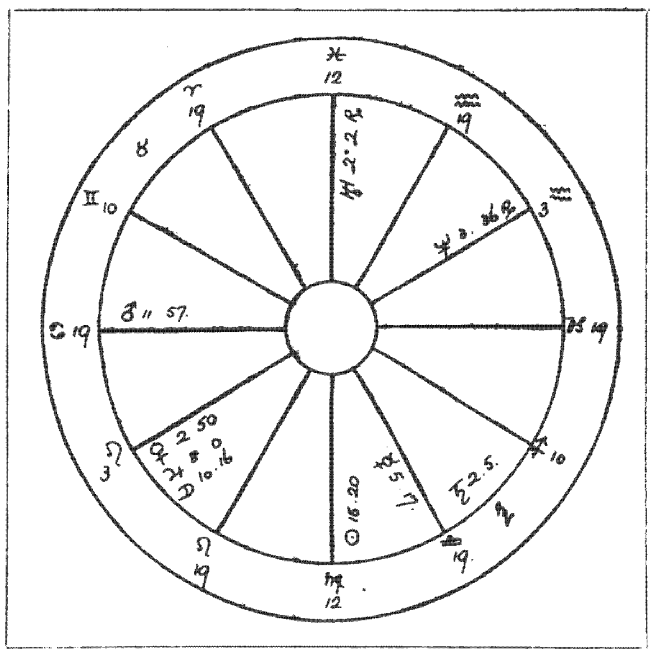
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—III.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

ON this page we append what we believe to be the correct horoscope of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. We have no authentic record of the birth time, but from the directions operating at some of the notable events in life, and partly from the personal appearance, we believe that our theoretical figure is correct. The time of birth is about midnight on the 7th Sept., 1836, and is based on the following points: In June, 1895, the then Liberal Government were defeated on the War Office vote, Sir Henry being at the time Secretary of State for War. At this time the Meridian was directed to the conjunction of Mars, an influence which coincides with such an event. What, however, is more striking from this figure is the remarkably good influence working at his appointment as Prime Minister, and the enormous majority obtained by his party at the General Election in the winter of 1906. At this time the Meridian was directed to the parallel of Jupiter, and the Sun was also directed to the parallel of the same planet, while Jupiter, by transit, was stationary within four degrees of the progressed Meridian, and in the exact parallel of the two directions. At the same time Venus had reached the sextile of the Moon.



The horoscope is by no means a fortunate one, in spite of the triple conjunction in the second house, for Venus and Jupiter are both much afflicted by the square of Saturn and opposition of Neptune. Mars rising in Cancer in sextile to the Sun gives a certain amount of aggressiveness, forcefulness, and push, but Mars is itself weak by sign, hence these qualities are not particularly developed. The Moon in Leo gives tact, geniality, humour and openhandedness, and its conjunction with Jupiter broadens the nature and adds to the Leo qualities mentioned. The individuality is discriminative, prudent and reserved, but much afflicted and not very strong. He is not fitted to be a leader of men, and the position he has been called upon to fill will tax his powers to the utmost. "Honest, slow, and malleable," as the *Daily Express* says, are traits well shown in the horoscope from his ruler's position in Leo, and this shows also his possession of "a pawky Scotch humour." "A social reformer (Mars rising, Jupiter square Saturn, opposition Neptune) with £50,000 a year (Venus, Jupiter and the Moon conjoined in the second house), with quickness of thought and an impression of honesty of purpose" are all clearly pourtrayed in the figure.

In spite of the hugh majority held by the Liberal Government, the horoscope in no way points to any great success in his career

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as a statesman. There are too many obstacles, counter movements, and secret attacks to meet, and his success is likely to be short-lived and his reputation unenhanced. His associations with others will be disastrous, Saturn ruling the seventh afflicted, and Venus part ruler of eleventh opposed by Neptune, point to friends and colleagues whose advice and influence will be detrimental. The Neptunian influence, evil as it is undoubtedly in this horoscope, may be pointed to as indicative of the Socialistic element which permeates his following.

As regards the future the outlook is by no means promising. The Meridian and Sun are both directed to the parallel of Neptune and Mercury to the square of the Moon, and in spite of the transit of Jupiter through the second house, it must not be forgotten that the solar eclipse of January next falls in exact opposition to Mars rising, and this is ominous of grave danger of war. This, together with the conjunction of Mars and Saturn close to the Moon's progressed place at the end of this year, and Saturn transiting the Moon nearly all next year, indicates that we cannot look for a much longer lease of power; or if it be that he remains in power, then it will be attended with heavy difficulties, grave disputes with others, and much loss of prestige.

If one wishes, by means of a simple optical illusion, to obtain an almost perfect imitation of the wonders of radiography, he should take a small turkey feather, and, holding it close to the eye, look through the radiating ribs at the end of the feather at the ends of the fingers of his hand, held against the window. The flesh will appear to be transparent, with the opaque bone running down in the centre, as shown by true radiography. If gaslight is used, a piece of ground glass must be held before the flame, to diffuse the light.

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Birthday Influences during December.

And the Fate of any Child born during the Month.

1. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, □ ♅, □ ♆, ✱ ♃, A year of many drawbacks and unexpected changes. removals and adverse events, but some financial gain and benefit in employ. A child born on this day will meet with much adversity in life, but will benefit through the help of friends and in employment.

2. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♏, P ♄, △ ♂ · ✱ ☿. A generally favourable year, new friends and attachments, benefit through the other sex, but danger of ill health and hindrances. A child born on this day will gain financially through the other sex, but should beware of plots and schemes and undertake no responsibility.

3. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♏, ✱ ♅, △ ♆, △ ♄, □ ♃, ♂ ☿. A favourable anniversary; many beneficial changes; travel and new responsibilities. Expenses will run high. A child born on this day will be restless, independent, serious and contemplative, but should avoid law and disputes with religious people.

4. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♏, P ☿, P ♃, □ ♂. Success in literary and social matters, financial gain and benefits, but danger of accident and ill health. A child born on this day will be sharp and clever, but have a hot temper, and be often quarrelling with others.

5. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♐, ♂ ☉, △ ♃. A splendid anniversary, with beneficial changes; social gain and popularity; financial success and general prosperity. A child born on this day will rise in life, and have a successful career; will gain socially and financially and be popular and esteemed.

6. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, □ ♄, p ☉, ♂ ☿, ✱ ♂. A successful year, many advantages, social and financial. Benefits through the opposite sex. Slight drawbacks at times, but soon overcome. A child born on this day will have a successful life, will be enterprising and active, but should always guard the health and avoid cold.

7. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♑, ♂ ♅, ☌ ♆, P ☉. A year of sudden and adverse changes, affairs much involved. Benefit in employ and through the help of superiors. A child born on this day will have a rough-and-tumble existence, be very unsettled. but will gain by remaining in the employ of others.

8. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, ✱ ♄, ✱ ☿. A beneficial year, many changes, new responsibilities, gain through mental affairs and elderly people. A child born on this day will be reserved, studious and clever, should rise in life through talents and gain recognition in literary affairs.

9. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♒, ☌ ♃, ✱ ☉, p ☿. A generally successful year, gain in employ and through superiors, some changes, but heavy expenses and some losses financially. A child born on this day will be clever, popular and ambitious, but very prodigal and extravagant. He will benefit in the employ of others.

10. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♒, p ♃, □ ☿. A year of social and financial gain and improvement generally, but trouble through young people and inferiors. Danger of scandal. A child born on this day will be sharp and active, but apt to over-reach himself and suffer scandal or ill-repute.

11. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, ✱ ♅, ♂ ♂, ✱ ☿. A year of changes and unrest, attachment with the other sex, but danger of accidents and ill health. Acts of indiscretion should be avoided. A child born on this day will be original and inventive, fond of travel and the other sex, but liable to accidents and indiscretion.

12. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♓, par ♂, □ ☉, ♂ ♄. A year of disaster and trouble, ill health and bereavement, loss of position and employment. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle against ill health and poverty. Should never undertake responsible posts.

13. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♈, △ ☿, △ ♃, □ ♅, ☌ & ☿. A doubtful year, some financial gain and changes, but much unrest, involved dealings with others, and to females loss of honour. A child born on this day will be restless, unsettled, careless and untidy. Though clever and of good judgment will obtain little success.

14. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♈, △ ☉, par ♄. Bereavement and disaster are the portents of the year. Ill health and loss of position are shown, but benefits occur in employment. A child born on this day will have many obstacles and hindrances to contend with; will do well in employment but should avoid the other sex.

15. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♉, par ♂. Beware of law and disputes, safeguard the health and make no risks or enterprises. A child born on this day will have an unruly temper and will be constantly in difficulties and disputes.

16. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♉, △ ♅, ✱ ♂, ✱ ☌, △ ☿. A year of change and variety, new enterprises, successful dealings with the other sex, but heavy expenses and some losses. A child born on this day will be inventive, fond of travel, science, and advanced ideas, will be a favourite with the other sex, but extravagant.

17. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉ par ♃. Many minor worries and unpleasantness. Some financial gain but generally an unsettled year. A child born on this day will have many ups and downs in life, but will overcome them all and rise to a better position.

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18. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, □ ♂, ☌ ♅, ✶ ♃. An unfavourable year, quarrels and dispute, danger of scandal and litigation, but help from friends. A child born on this day will always be in trouble and difficulties, through indiscreet speech; will have a spiteful temper, but will be assisted by friends.

19. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, □ ♄, ☌ ☉, par ♅ & ♆. Ill health and bereavement are the influences of the year; be careful of involved dealings with others and avoid fraud. A child born on this day will have an unfortunate career, with a hard struggle against adversity and ill health.

20. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♋. A generally quiet year, some heavy expenses and losses, new friends and acquaintances. A child born on this day will be of good judgment, constant and faithful, inclined to romance, but extravagant.

21. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♇, ☍ ♆, △ ♂, ☌ ♀. An unsettled year, adverse changes, disappointments and grief; some new enterprises and responsibilities. A child born on this day will be always on the change, careless and untidy, fond of the other sex to his own detriment, but active and enterprising.

22. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋, P ♆. A doubtful anniversary; many little worries and annoyances and a generally unsettled year. A child born on this day will be of a quarrelsome disposition and should be carefully trained from a moral point of view.

23. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, ☍ ♃, □ ☉ & ♄. A favourable year, with social and financial gain, but care should be taken as regards health and position. A child born on this day will have much to contend with, should be careful in dealing with superiors and may ultimately rise in life.

24. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌, △ ♀, par ♃. Beneficial changes, social and financial success, minor worries and annoyances, and some danger of disputes. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, will gain respect and recognition both for talents and industry.

25. WEDESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♍, △ ☉. A favourable anniversary, gain through superiors and in employment; favourable changes. A child born on this day will be dull and desponding in disposition, but will benefit in employ and through superiors.

26. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, △ ♅, ✶ ♆, ☌ ♂, ☌ ♄. Some beneficial changes, but grave danger of accidents, disputes, ill health and loss of position. A child born on this day will be original and intuitive, will have a violent temper and ruin his prospects by depraved habits.

27. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♎, □ ♅ & ☉ par ♂ & ♄, △ ♀. Many losses and reversal of position, danger of law and quarrelling. Gain through friends and the other sex. A child born on this day will have a violent temper, be rash and impulsive, and meet with much discredit and opposition.

28. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♎, ✶ ♃, □ ♅ & ♆. A changeable year, many annoyances and unexpected worries. Social and financial gain and help from friends. A child born on this day will be wayward and restless, but will gain much through the help of friends.

29. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, par ♂ & ♄, ✶ ♀. A year of disputes and wrangling, danger of accidents and litigation. Some beneficial changes and travel. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, but will be liable to hurts, accidents and intemperate habits.

30. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♏, □ ♀, ✶ ☽, ✶ ♅, △ ♆. An unfavourable anniversary, grave danger of accident, grief and losses, benefits through employ and some favourable changes. A child born on this day will have an exciting life, with many changes and adventures, but will often be in danger and should avoid water.

31. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♏, △ ♄, △ ♂. A generally successful year, new ventures and enterprises, but sudden small worries and annoyances. A child born on this day will be courageous, enterprising and brave, will have much success and credit.

Reading Character by the Eyebrows.

An arched eyebrow does not indicate the highest order of intelligence, but is expressive of great sensibility. Scant growth of the eyebrows denotes lack of vitality; on the contrary, heavy, thick eyebrows indicate a strong constitution and great physical endurance. They are not beautiful on a woman's face, however much they may signify either mental or bodily vigour, and when they are not only heavy, but droop and meet at the nose, they are disagreeable, and are said to accompany an insincere and prying nature. Long, drooping eyebrows, lying wide apart, indicate an amiable disposition. Where the eyebrows are lighter in colour than the hair, the indications are lack of vitality and great sensitiveness. Faintly defined eyebrows, placed high above the nose, are signs of indolence and weakness. Very black eyebrows give the face an intense and searching expression; when natural, they accompany a passionate temperament. Very light eyebrows are rarely seen on strongly intellectual faces, although the colour of the eyebrows is not accepted simply as denoting lack of intelligence; the form gives the key to the faculties and their direction. Red eyebrows denote great fervour and ambition; brown, a medium between the red and black.

A large head shows a person stupid, and dull of apprehension; also a very small head signifies the same; but the head of the man being neither great nor small is the prognostic of a wise man; for all extremes are irregular, and a deviation from nature; and experience has made it manifest that a great head and small members do not always produce much indiscretion and folly in either man or woman.

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Astrology for Lovers.

By ASTROLABUS.

"All the world loves a lover."

I AM no exception to the rule laid down by the above quotation, culled from a source of which I have unfortunately lost all trace. Can Astrology aid the lover? Certainly! And I propose to show how this desirable result can be attained. I will not waste any time and space by calling to the mind of the reader any of those poetical stories connected with some of the constellations for ever told by the old-world singers of Greece. Doubtless many will recall some astral love story, associated with boyhood's struggles and a dead language.

But modern Astrology can put in a word for the lover of to-day, even though that lover be neither a god nor a goddess.

How very sad it is to read the columns of reports of the Divorce Court proceedings in our papers—not to speak of the damaged and broken hearts whose values have to be assessed daily by "twelve good men and true."

I think a very great deal of this might be obviated if only our young people could get a knowledge of one or two of the elementary precepts of Astrology.

Ptolemy says, in his *Tetrabiblos* (Book iv. Chap. v.), "Whenever both nativities, viz., that of the husband and that of the wife, may exhibit the luminaries configurated together in concord, that is to say, either in trine or in sextile to each other, the cohabitation will most usually be lasting; especially if the said concord exist by means of an interchange (or by mutual reception); but its duration will be also much more securely established provided the Moon in the husband's nativity should correspond with the Sun in the wife's nativity. If, however, the relative positions of the luminaries be in signs inconjunct, or in opposition, or in quartile, the cohabitation will be speedily dissolved upon slight causes, and the total separation of the parties will ensue.

"And should the configuration of the luminaries, when made in concord, be aspected by the benefics, the cohabitation will continue in respectability, comfort, and advantage; but, on the other hand, it will abound in strife, contention, and misfortune, if the malefics be in aspect to the said configuration."

Now here is a very simple rule which needs for its practical application only two maps of the heavens—one for the lad's and another for the lass's time of birth.

Then a comparison will give an infallible decision as to whether that particular couple are well or ill assorted. And for the practical purpose of a sane, well-ordered and happy—as well as permanent—marriage, I engage to say that Ptolemy's rules (of which the above is the most vital), never have and never will fail.

But, say the lads and lasses, "We want to know whom to love before we start loving them." True, and I proceed to give a simple and workable solution of the problem.

One goes to a phrenologist and gets a reading of one's head. He gives an outline of what faculties—vulgarly called bumps—should be developed in one's better or worse half, as the case may be. There is a difficulty however. One is unable to go round stroking all the young ladies' heads to find out the one and only who may happen to be developed in the given manner. And, even if that could be done, the art of estimating the strength of the faculties phrenologically is by no means a simple matter, or one likely to be generally cultivated.

But supppose we try the astrologer. Can he give us any help in finding our destiny? Emphatically, YES!

Let the young man or woman concerned get from any reliable astrologer a list of the days on which suitable partners for him or her ought to have been born, choosing those

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days according to the rules laid down by Ptolemy in the chapter of the *Tetrabiblos* of which I have quoted a couple of paragraphs.

Armed with this list the young postulant then invites all his friends to sign their names in his birthday book. If any are so bashful that they withhold the year, try one of the methods which may be found in some of Messrs. Foulsham's interesting and amusing "Fate and Fortune Series," which are based on certain additions and multiplications and subtractions, leaving finally the age of the person required.

If a man meets a lady with the Sun and Moon in reciprocal positions, that is to say with the male's Sun in the same degree of the Zodiac as the female's Moon and vice-versa, they cannot help loving one another.

The late King of Denmark was very unhappy in marriage and divorced two Queens in succession but having become attached to a milliner he gave her a title, married her morganatically and lived very happily with her until his death. The Sun in the one natus was in the place of the Moon in the other.

Goethe the great German poet had the Sun in five degrees of Virgo. Frau von Stein had Mars in five degrees of Virgo, whereas Christiane Vulpius had the Moon in four degrees of Virgo. The former was loved and forsaken, the latter was loved and married by Goethe. (Vide *Science of the Stars*, chap. xvii. A. J. Pearce).

"Sigh no more, ladies," but find a gentleman who has the Sun in his nativity in the same degree as the Moon in yours. Of course, there must be no evil aspects of the malefics to these points between the two nativities, but your astrologer will attend to that.

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TIME, DATE and PLACE of birth must be sent with Postal Order or work will not be undertaken.

To Choose a Husband by the Hair.

Black.—Stout and healthy, but apt to be cross and surly; if very black and smooth, and a large quantity, will be fond where he fixes his attachment, not addicted to lewdness, make a good husband, and take care of his family; but if short and curly will be of an unsettled temper, given to drinking, somewhat quarrelsome, will show much fondness at first paying his addresses, but be unsteady and forgetful afterwards.

White or Fair Hair.—Will be of a weak constitution, rather stupid, very fond of music, will cut no great figure in the world.

Yellow.—Inclinable to jealousy.

Light Brown.—Neither very good nor very bad, middling in all respects, rather given to women, but, upon the whole, is a good character.

Dark Brown.—Sensible, good humoured, careful and attentive to business, and generally makes a good husband.

Very Dark Brown.—Of a robust constitution, and of a grave disposition, but good tempered and sensible, very fond of his wife.

Red.—Will be artful, cunning, and deceitful, and much given to wenching; but is generally of a lively temper.

William Lilly in his *Introduction to Astrology*, published in 1647, states that the various parts of ships bear relation to the signs of the zodiac in the following manner:

♈ The breast, or bows of the ship.
♉ The cutwater, and parts beneath.
♊ The rudder, or helm.
♋ The bottom, or floor.
♌ The upper works.
♍ The hold.
♎ The parts about the water line.
♏ The seamen's berths, or cabin.
♐ The seamen.
♑ The ends of the vessel.
♒ The master or captain.
♓ The oars in galleys and the sails in ships; which, of course, would be interpreted in modern parlance as the paddle or screw of steam vessels.

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Answers to Correspondents

UNCLE SAM.—OLD MOORE'S MESSENGER can be obtained of any of the news companies in your large cities or posted direct for a year for 75 cents.

COLONIAL.—We hope the English friend who sent you a copy of the MESSENGER will be an example for all here who wish to please those living abroad.

LEARNER.—*The Primer of Astrology*, 1s. of a Bookseller or by post from here for 1s. 2d. will put you on a clear track for horoscope working.

ANXIOUS.—We refer you to the various astrologers who advertise in our pages. They are all well up to their work and thoroughly reliable.

JOURNALIST (New York).—Professors of astrology require 80 years' set of *Ephemeris*, 20 dollars; guides and private lessons, 4 dollars; *Arcana* and Ptolemy's *Influence of the Stars*, 7 dollars; total 31 dollars.

SOLARIEN, suggests a social column for the interchange of addresses of students, who might like to meet each other and talk over matters astrological. She also states with regard to our remarks on the King's horoscope in the October issue, in respect to the planet Mars, as being the chief ruling planet, that "of course the King is a Martian as Scorpio occupies most of the tenth house, and Mars is the ruler of that sign, and though this is not the English way it is a good one." Obstacles stand in the way of carrying out the first suggestion. The idea was mooted many years ago when *The Astrologer* was published, but it came to nothing. Other attempts have been made by Astrological Societies, but have not been successful. The greatest obstacle is the averseness of students to have their names in print. This might be overcome by having a list of names and addresses circulated privately. Perhaps our correspondent has some ideas on the matter. With regard to the King's horoscope, "Solarien" is quite wrong. The King is not a Martian in any sense. The fact that Mars rules part of the tenth house does not make this planet his ruler. He is an almost pure type of a Jupiter man, with a slight undercurrent of Saturn and Mars, due to these planets rising at birth. There is no such thing as an English way. The ancient rules still stand good.

A STUDENT (Wimbledon) asks for a definition of a parallel. Two planets are in parallel when they have the same declination. Thus if the Sun was 21 N. and Jupiter 21 N. they would be in parallel. They are formed independent of the conjunction and opposition, and there need be no other aspect formed at the time. We are afraid our correspondent is confusing something else with the parallel.

KILLEY.—This is too long a subject to deal with in this column. "Talismanic Magic," by Raphael, (15/-) would help you, but if you do not care to spend so much, ask your Free Library to let you see the book; most of them keep it.

The Gazing Crystal.

THERE has lately fallen into our hands a copy of the ancient work of Francis Barrett, containing instructions and incantations for the use of the crystal gazer. We call attention to this production more particularly with a view to pointing out the wide difference which separates the magic and mystery of the ancient votary from the more commonsense and rational method of the modern seer as revealed by the light of this work and the recent publication by "Sepharial" dealing with the same subject.

According to Barrett, the devotee should first draw on clean parchment a copy of the magic circle, which accompanies the instructions, and lay this on the table, beneath the crystal and betwixt two lighted wax candles. A magic wand, to be used when calling the angels; equal quantities of frankincense, myrrh, and mastic of the east, for use as an oblation; a dish, in which to burn the perfumes; and a little book, with pen and ink, to write down the revelation, make up the ancient equipment. Possessed with these essentials the seeker for enlightenment—having observed the planetary hour, the planet ruling in that hour, and the angel governing the planet—proceeds by a series of prayers and invocations which, in our day, would be considered as rank blasphemy. We do not say this in order to discount an ancient work, but in recognition of the fact that the science of crystal gazing, like every other department of science, has developed with our civilisation and has witnessed the lopping off of much that was both useless and harmful.

Contrasted with this we append a quotation from Sepharial's book "The Crystal and the Seer," which shows how simple a thing the use of the crystal has become.

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student, pictures, scenes, figures in action, sentences of warnings, advice, etc., etc.

"The seer or seeress must not be disheartened if at the first few sittings nothing of any moment takes place, but must persevere, with patience and self-control. Indeed, when one comes to consider the fact that for hundreds of generations the psychic faculties inherent in mankind have lain in absolute neglect, that perhaps the faculty of "clear vision" has never yet been brought into activity by any save the most remote of our ancestors, it will not be thought remarkable that it should be at first difficult to get any definite results. Rather should it be a matter of surprise that the power is still with us, that it is not wholly irresponsive to the voice of the soul . . . The faculty of pure vision is like the latent seed-life—it waits only the conditions which favour its growth and development."

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A Critical Year.

The year 1908 is likely to be a critical one in many respects. The stellar influences are by no means reassuring, and events of a startling nature are likely to occur all over the civilised world. The year 1908 is Kaballistically under the influence of Mercury, and is the 36th or last year of the cycle of this planet. It therefore denotes much restlessness, and excitability of the minds of men, great changes, important scientific progress and discoveries, and general activity in the commercial world.

Eclipse of the Sun.

The first important influence in the year is the total eclipse of the Sun in the twelfth degree of the sign Capricorn on the 3rd January, at 9.43 p.m. This is an important eclipse, as it falls on the place of the last conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter; and its effect on India, Afghanistan, and Mexico, and other countries ruled by the sign Capricorn, will be far-reaching. Falling in the second decanate of Capricorn it will cause "insubordination in the army," and this may mean a military revolt in these countries. In addition to this, it falls in conjunction or opposition to the place of Mars in the horoscopes of nearly all the rulers of the world, as well as of the President of America, the Mikado of Japan, and the President of the French Republic. If this does not signify grave personal danger, then it will bring a danger of war.

Indications of War and Waste.

We have only to look in the figure for the eclipse erected for Greenwich at 9.43, and we find Mars and Saturn conjoined in the seventh house. This is an ominous indication of war, and it will require great care and tact among our statesmen to steer clear of being involved in international disputes. There will be much extravagance and waste of public money, yet the revenue will not be deficient; trade generally will

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improve. Railways are not likely to be prosperous, and accidents and outrages thereon are to be feared. The death rate will be very heavy. The position of Neptune points to Socialistic tendencies in the Commons, and to disputes and involved action therein. The position of the Government will be a thorny one, and will only be upheld with difficulty.

United States.

At Washington the eclipse falls in the seventh house and is an indication of disputes with other countries and dangers of war. The President will be in danger and should safeguard his health and person. Neptune rising points to much fraud and dishonesty among the people, and a recrudescence of pseudo-occultism, psychic and spiritualistic trickery. There may also be a tendency to fanaticism in certain quarters.

Terrible Disasters.

In the Eastern States Mars and Saturn will be culminating at the eclipse, and this is an augury of terrible disasters; either of an earthquake, violent hurricane, or tidal wave off the coasts. This configuration is shown in Long. 74 W. near to both New York and Montreal. Brooklyn and the coast of New Jersey will also suffer from this. The West Indies, Bogota, and Lima are also cities where these two planets will be culminating at the time of the eclipse, but the northern part of Peru where the two planets will be exactly vertical will probably suffer most. In the western States seismic troubles are threatened in about 114 W.

Japan and China.

At Tokio the luminaries will be rising, pointing to great excitement among the people, turbulent scenes and much unrest. Neptune setting shows treachery from foreign powers, the breach of a treaty and an involved state of affairs with other countries. The Mikado will be in danger and should guard his life and person. Serious accidents are threatened in the empire. In China, in and about E. Long. 104 to 108, seismic troubles are threatened, for Mars and Saturn are on the nadir in this locality. A revolt against authority may be expected.

Australia and Cape Town.

At Melbourne Venus will be rising, pointing to a prosperous time for the commonwealth, and with Jupiter in the seventh some marriages of note will be celebrated. The eclipse falls on the cusp of the twelfth presignifying much crime and lawlessness. At Cape Town the planets Mars and Saturn are exactly setting, which is very unfavourable for the peace of the colony, and will produce disputes with other colonies, and great disturbances.

Germany.

At Berlin the same two planets are also setting, and this is ominous of danger of war, and it would seem that Germany may be involved in international complications. The Turkish question is likely to crop up again.

Russia.

At Petersburg the eclipse falls in the fourth house pointing to an outbreak against authority, disorder and rapine in the land. There will also be much sickness, and an outbreak or revolt in the navy. At Long. 35 W. seismic disturbances are threatened. The effect of this eclipse will last for three years and nine months, but the chief effects during 1908 will be shown during the end of January, the 7th to 13th June, the end of June, and the end of October.

The Vernal Equinox.

This occurs shortly after midnight on the 21st March, when the Sun will be conjoined with Saturn on the cusp of the fourth house, though the Sun will be in trine with Jupiter, tending to lessen the evil of Saturn. As this planet is now in Aries a period of trouble is threatened for our country, depression of trade, and a cold and inclement spring. Diphtheria will be prevalent, many sudden and peculiar deaths, also the death of notable

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people, including judges, high Church dignitaries, and members of Parliament. The revenue will show some remarkable fluctuations, sudden gains being shown, but losses as well. Parliamentary matters will be excited, and some measure affecting death duties will create much discussion.

Summer Solstice.

The entry of the Sun into the sign Cancer on June 21st at 8.19 p.m., is an important one, there being no less than seven planets in cardinal signs, five of them setting. There will be grave troubles with other countries, disputes and international complications, an excited turbulent condition of the people, strikes and disputes between master and man. Terrible accidents will occur on railways and a strike is threatened among employees. The Post Office will also suffer. China and South Africa will be troubled during this quarter, and Indian affairs will be a source of danger. In 75 E. Long. there will be danger of seismic trouble and an uprising against authority.

Eclipse of the Sun.

The eclipse of June 28th, 4.31 p.m., is visible in our own country as a partial one, but the line of central eclipse passes across Central America, Gulf of Mexico, and Florida. Earthquakes are threatened in these countries and storms in the Atlantic. It is said that an eclipse in Cancer will disturb the air and cause alteration of weather, as well as affecting the fruits of the earth, and, as regards Egypt, will impede the rising of the Nile. Scotland, Holland, York, Manchester, and all places ruled by Cancer will suffer. Terribly destructive earthquakes are threatened in Greece and the Cyclades, especially about the beginning and middle of October, and the middle of July. This eclipse will affect China, where outrages and rapine will be prevalent, and is central on the lower Meridan in Long. 112 E., where destructive earthquakes are threatened.

Conjunction of Mars and Jupiter.

This important conjunction which will take place on August 14th, 9.35 a.m., falls in the eleventh house, denoting a great stir in Parliamentary circles, danger of religious and financial disputes, as well as auguring evil for the existing Government. In Asia Minor it falls on the Meridan, causing religious riots and terrorism in those parts. This conjunction will also affect Japan, France, Italy and Rome, and several towns in England, Bath, Bristol, etc., ruled by the sign.

Autumnal Equinox.

This ingress takes place on September 23rd, at 10.59 a.m., and shows an improvement generally. Foreign and Colonial affairs will show a great improvement, and a better feeling will exist between the Colonies and the Mother Country. Preferential Tariffs could now be entered into with success. Mercury in the eleventh points to a better state of affairs in the Commons, with more harmonious and rational debates. A General Election is very probable in the Autumn, and result in the balancing of parties, and a more common sense and efficient policy. The position of the Sun and Mars is evil for Royalty, and denotes sickness and death in high circles.

Fall of French Ministry.

Saturn on the lower Meridan in Long. 21 E. will cause seismic vibrations in those parts, especially about the middle of October. Paris will be excited and the fall of the Ministry is probable.

General Predictions.

Affairs in Portugal will be very critical in the early part of the year, for the effects of the conjunction of Mars and Saturn will be very strong, and also during May. A terrible storm is threatened off our coasts on the first of January. There will be great excitement in this country in January and February as Mars will be passing through Aries. A warlike tendency will prevail. At the end of February and beginning of March Irish affairs will assume prominence, and outrages and religious disturbances be prevalent. Terrible earthquakes are threatened

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from the square of Mars and Jupiter in fixed signs. Persia, and places under Leo and Taurus, will suffer. A financial crisis is indicated in Italy, and places ruled by these signs. Saturn enters Aries in March and will bring depression of trade and trouble to our own country. Many failures will occur.

Look Out for June 16th!

April shows great improvement in general trade, though the weather will be cold and the spring probably late. Further seismic troubles will occur at the fall of the month through the Sun being in square to Jupiter. Serious fires are feared in London in the early days of May. Indian, Chinese, and South African affairs will assume prominence in June, as violent configurations occur between Mercury, Mars, Uranus and Neptune. An inundation is threatened in Long. 120 E. The 16th of June will be a critical day for many countries of the world.

A Serious Earthquake.

The entry of Mars into Leo on July 8th will disturb France and Italy, and towns under that sign. Saturn stationary in Aries will disturb our own country and cause much depression and failures. Religious riots and financial crashes are likely in August in towns and countries ruled by Leo. The opposition of Mars and Saturn in October will seriously affect our own country and produce a serious earthquake in 137 E. Long. This configuration is central on the meridians of Kioto, Papua, and South Australia. In Brazil the configuration is reversed and at Rio the planets will also be central on the Meridan. Serious troubles are threatened in these parts. Jupiter in Virgo will benefit Paris.

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The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	3rd	...	9h. 43m. aft.
First Quarter,	10th	...	1h. 53m. aft.
Full Moon,	18th	...	1h. 37m. aft.
Last Quarter,	26th	...	3h. 1m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY is in ♑ until the 18th when it enters ♒.

VENUS an evening star in ♒, enters ♓ on the 20th.

MARS an evening star in ♓ enters ♈ on the 11th.

JUPITER retrogrades in Leo all the month; is a brilliant object in the north eastern sky soon after sunset; in opposition to the Sun on the 29th.

SATURN is an evening star in Pisces, close to Mars on the 1st of the month.

URANUS is in Capricorn and Neptune in Cancer. The former is invisible, being too near the Sun, the latter is well placed for telescopic observation.

The Sun is in ♑ until the 21st, enters Aquarius at 10.28 in the morning of that day.

For the Moon's position see "Ladies page."

The Weather.

The month opens boisterously, with gales, and downfall; changeable and windy to the 6th; variable about 11th. Heavy gales and snow on the 14th; milder on 16th; foggy about 20th, increasing winds 25th with gales and north-east gales at the end, with probable fall of snow. A wintry month on the whole.

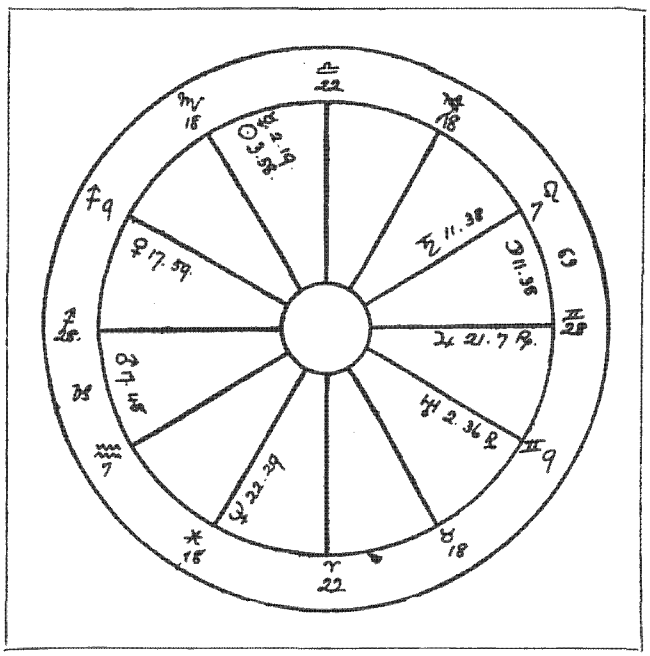
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

IV.—President Roosevelt.

THE President of the United States of America was born on Oct. 27th, 1858, at eleven in the morning, according to an American authority, and we therefore append the figure drawn for that moment, but as to the authenticity of the time we cannot vouch.

The end of the sign Sagittarius rises with Mars in the first house in Capricorn. The Sun and Mercury are in the tenth, the Moon and Jupiter in the seventh. These planets are angular and very powerful. This is the horoscope of a powerful man, persistent, determined, and ambitious. The rising Mars will make him fond of public life, and bring him before the multitude. He is willing to assume responsibility, and is fond of exercising authority, with dignity, and success. He is a man who will make enemies, because once he takes up a thing, or makes his mind up on a subject, he never rests until he has carried his projects through, and this he can do with both tact and force. The Sun and Mercury in the tenth house will bring him to a very high position in life, and the position once gained will be held with both power and diplomacy. He is not a man to say die. The public are not always his friends, and he may at some period of life suffer at their hands, but in the end he will overcome them.



He has a powerful individuality, reserved, secretive, determined and dignified, quick in thought, keen in perception, and at times exacting. Self control, tact and diplomacy, are shown in his horoscope. In his personal character he is careful, and economical, fond of change and variety, attached to home and family, and very kind. There is a touch of Bohemianism about him. He has a very strong and determined mind, inclined to be obstinate, and difficult to convince, but he may be moved to a great amount of enthusiasm or even indignation. He is shrewd and active in mind, ingenious, with some manual dexterity, and fertility of resource. To sum up the horoscope in a few words, he is a man who will carve his way to fame, by sheer power and ambition, who will rise to a high position in the world, and whose honour and reputation, abilities and actions will serve as a model to posterity.

Now as regards the future. The eclipse of next January falls close to Mars in his ascendant, and in opposition to the Moon in the seventh, and this is ominous of personal danger, disputes and warlike actions. It may cause domestic troubles, and illness in the home. The solar directions however,

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are good, the Sun being in sextile to Mars and conjunction with Venus, while next year the Moon will form successive benefic directions with these planets. Increase of honour and dignity are shown, accomplishment of plans and increase of national prosperity. The next two years are not so good, there being some slight drawbacks, loss of honour, and the health will be disturbed. August of 1909 is ominous of some family trouble. From 1911 onwards the fortunes improve, and it seems likely that he will again come into prominence in the nation's welfare. In 1914 Mars will reach the parallel of the Sun at birth, which will bring an increase of honour, but will affect the health, but later on especially from 1918 to 1921, when Mars will be in trine to the Sun and Mercury, he will then be in the summit of his power. After that the fortune begins to decline, as the Sun gradually approaches the opposition of the Moon, and six years later the conjunction of Mars.

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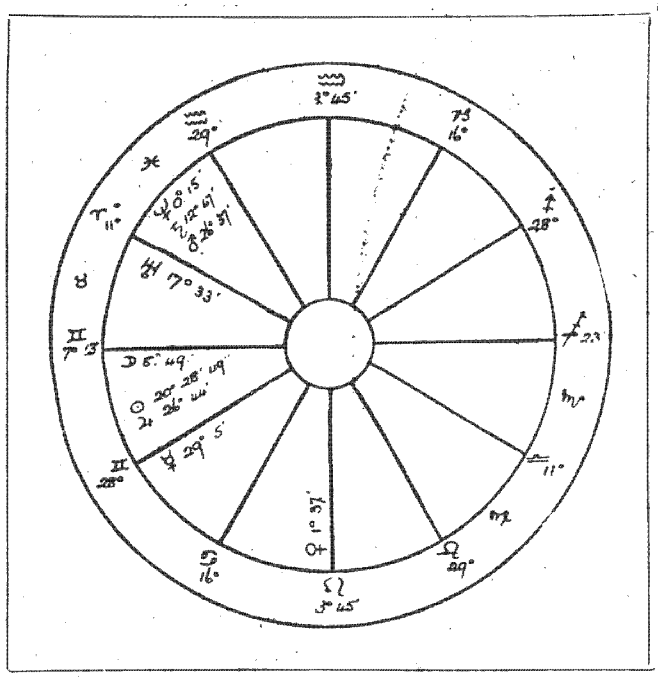
1	6	20	A good day for visiting, pleasure and social duties.
2	21	2	An unfavourable day. Keep very quiet.
3	6	♑ 1	An evil day; do not travel and avoid strangers.
4	21	11	A good day for dealings with elderly people.
5	6	♒ 20	Not good for financial, social and domestic affairs.
6	21	21	A good day for ordinary affairs; make no new plans.
7	6	♓ 4	Quiet until evening, then good for correspondence, etc.
8	20	26	Attend to domestic matters in the morning. Keep quiet later.
9	4	♈ 23	A very unfavourable day for all things.
10	17	55	Evil for most things. Avoid travelling and correspondence.
11	1	♉ 3	A quiet day on tne whole. Remain at home.
12	13	50	Good for changes and pleasure after 10 a.m.
13	26	20	A good day for asking favours, and for social calls.
14	8	♊ 35	Good day for travelling and changes, starting new enterprises.
15	20	40	Evil for all things before 6 p.m., after that pay calls, etc.
16	2	♋ 37	An evil day for all things. Beware of accidents.
17	14	29	An unfavourable day. Keep at home.
18	26	18	Avoid superiors and ask no favours on this day.
19	8	♌ 6	Make new plans and start schemes in morning. Social duties after.
20	19	55	A very quiet day for all things generally.
21	1	♍ 48	Evil for social matters and love affairs.
22	13	47	A good day for changes, travel, asking favours and improving affairs.
23	25	54	An evil day. Keep at home and safeguard the health.
24	8	♎ 13	Good for new plans and undertakings before 2 p.m.
25	20	♏ 46	An evil day for all things; keep very quiet.
26	3	♐ 38	A quiet day generally—visit places of amusement in the evening.
27	16	52	Keep quiet during the morning. In the evening make new plans.
28	0	♑ 30	A quiet day till evening; then attend to correspondence, etc.
29	14	34	Generally favourable, see to ordinary affairs but do nothing important.
30	29	4	A quiet day.
31	13	♒ 55	An evil day; avoid accidents and disputes.

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Example Horoscope for Students.

Death by Poison.

THE subject for this month's investigation is that of an infant, born on June 12th, 1847, at 3 a.m., and who died the 13th July of the same year, through the effects of an overdose of opium administered unintentionally by its mother. The figure of birth is given herewith. The Sun and Moon are angular and both are afflicted by the Malefics, the former by Mars and the latter by Saturn, and both of the Malefics being in elevation points to the death being due to unnatural causes. Mercury the disposer of the luminaries, is afflicted by the square of Mars, and although the Sun has the conjunction of Jupiter this planet is powerless to save life, as it is debilitated by sign, and in exact square aspect to Mars, the latter being in elevation. From a point of view of directing the horoscope is rather unsatisfac tory, there being no exact influence to account for the death in the following month. Certainly the moon will be nearer to the square of Saturn, but there are no transits to this point to accelerate the direction.



In this case we must therefore refer to the prenatal epoch. The birth time is correct within two minutes, as rectified by this method, and the epoch falls on the 11th September, 1846, at a few minutes after one in the afternoon. At this hour the Sun is conjoined with Mars in Virgo, and Venus is in opposition to Saturn. By direction from this figure the Moon is exactly in square to the Sun and Mars.

The nature of the death is shown by the malefics elevated in Pisces, a sign notoriously connected with poisons and drugging, while the death in such a manner, is due to both malefics afflicting the luminaries, and in elevation above them, the latter being angular.

This horoscope is a further corroboration of the Kabalistic rule that the seventh hour after birth shows whether the child will live or die. If we erect a figure for 10 a.m. on the day of birth we shall find Mars on the cusp of the eighth house, and the moon in the tenth in exact square to Saturn, clear indications of death. One point is brought out here very clearly, the Moon, in the tenth house, ruling the mother, and the poison was administered by her.

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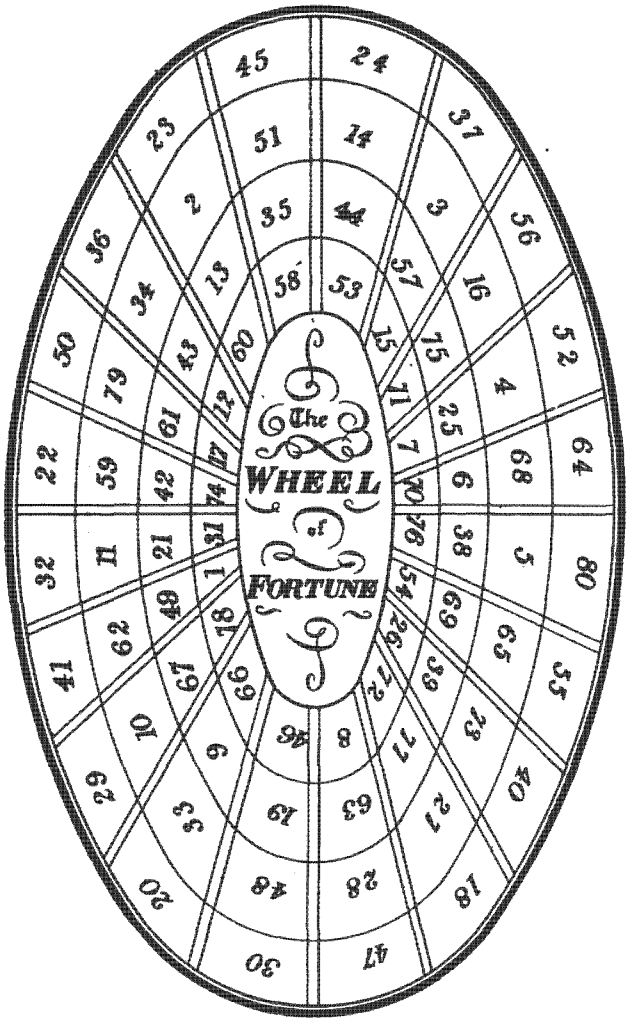
Demonology in China.

Mrs. Montague Beauchamp, the celebrated Chinese lady Missionary, recently lecturing under the presidency of Lord Radstock, in London, says how planchette, the recent London craze, has from time immemorial been one of the recognised means in China of communicating with evil spirits. Living in a China province known as "Demonland," the native idolatry is bound up with spiritualism. She had found there was a real power in this idolatry and necromancy, and had known cases of healing worked by those natives who professed to cast out evil spirits. She was convinced that they did in reality cast out the spirits, and gave instances of exorcism by both Christians and Chinese. The Chinese had for a long time obtained communication with bad spirits by the use of mediums and planchettes; the latter formed by a sieve with a pencil attached to one side. Two persons placed their hands on the sieve and the pencil would then write messages. She herself had known of one instance in which a great flood was accurately foretold by a planchette message. Again, the Boxer rising was prophesied by a planchette, and her belief was that the murderous Boxers were all possessed by devils. Her opinion about the planchette was that it only worked intelligibly with those who yielded to its influence, and that its influence increased with repeated use. With those people who did not yield the p lanchette refused to work

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The Great Wheel of Fortune.

THE Great Wheel of Fortune shows to the single when, and how soon, or if ever they shall be married, and various other events through life. Prick into a number, and then refer to the explanation, which stands opposite the number you pricked into. The following observations answer for either lady or gentleman, therefore the party trying this wheel must only alter wife for husband, or as it may suit either party.



1. A husband thou'dst have, who with reason will love,
Whom judgment will guide, and whom taste must approve,
Whose virtue and truth will secure thy repose,
Nor thy breast know a pang that from jealousy flows.

2. A partner with either a crooked back or crooked temper, very aggravating and suspicious, but rich.

3. Cease, anxious fair, with curious eyes,
Fate's secrets to discover;
He whom more than life you prize
Will prove a faithless lover.

4. Before the month is out, many people will say ill things of you, though of no great concern.

5. Three husbands laid quietly down in their graves,
Your tears and your mourning all over;
A well-jointur'd widow you'll flaunt all about,
And hie for a jolly young lover.

6. Whoever chooses this will have several opportunities of becoming rich, if they will be industrious and honest.

7. My sprightly lass,'twill be your part
To please your eyes, and grieve your heart.

8. A friend who has been long absent at sea will soon be heard from.

9. To you a modest meek-eyed maid,
Who notice shuns, and seeks the shade,
Bless'd with a sympathetic mind,
Shall long be constant, long be kind.

10. A bachelor or old maid is your destiny.

11. You will soon take a long and prosperous journey.

12. As sure as your as your life
You'll be ruled by your wife,
If e'er upon marriage you venture;
Then pray, sir, take care,
Remain as you are,
'Tis the only sure way to prevent her.

13. You will meet with many troubles before you are married.

14. A pretty partner, a good temper, a pretty house, and two opportunities of becoming independent.

15. In the fates it is written, a nymph you shall gain
Who shall heighten your pleasures and sooth every pain;
Tho' mild, she's not stupid; tho' witty, no shrew;
Each wish of her heart teems with blessings for you.

16. Take care the little black-eyed girl does not prove a rival, and get to church before you.

17. Do not neglect your sweetheart till you lose him.

18. You will prove to your fair one delighted,
A lover most courteous and civil;
But when marriage your fates have united,
Your wife will then find you a devil.

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19. You will have many friends, be successful in business, and have a large family.

20. Many toils and troubles will be your lot, but you will be comfortable in old age.

21. Your wife shall have knowledge,
Enough for a college,
But, alas! to repeat it is shocking;
She had rather sit reading
Than making a pudding,
Or mending a hole in her stocking.

22. You are too fantastical to refuse good offers.

23. Genteel in manners, yet rather serious.

24. Soon or late, so hard your fate,
You'll marry some one, and she'll bury her mate.

25. Cheerful in company, generous hearted, and much beloved.

26. This is a lot of hardships; but be true and speak truth, and you will get the better of your enemies.

27. A bachelor cunning, you'll live till you're fusty,
Then wed your cook Dolly, so red and so lusty.

28. You will be charged with taking away another's sweetheart; mind it is not true for your own sake.

29. Your wife shall be witty,
Rich, handsome, and pretty.

30. I am in love, and not a soul knows it but one.

31. In less than six months you will hop to Hymen's altar and trick them all.

32. Tho' many a good offer you'll surely refuse,
To the best of your judgment the worse you will choose.

33. Look before you leap, and mind the golden rule.

34. You will soon have a fall out with your present sweetheart, but will soon have another. Beware of changing for the worse.

35. All that Hymen can bestow
On his favourites here below,
All that fortune's smiles can give,
You deserve and you'll receive.

36. If you do not get married before the year is out, you may despair of it all your life.

37. Take care of a rival that stands in the way, as interest is a very powerful argument with many people in love concerns.

38. Cast off your fear, my gentle dear,
Good fortune I foretell;
In store for you, are husbands two,—
Who'll love you very well.

39. If you have plenty, be charitable; if little, frugal.

40. Do not refuse good advice concerning that which will happen soon.

41. I see by your eyes,
And your love of sweet pies,
A grocer will fall to your share;
What picking of plums!
What licking of thumbs!
What weights and what scales will be there!

42. Trust not to your own opinion at all times.

43. Your real happiness will consist in doing good, as many vexations will cross you during life.

44. Thou liv'st to love and to be blest,
Thy wife shall be both fair and chaste,
Children many, gold in plenty,—
Say, good sir, will this content ye?

45. You may marry unfortunately through affection, but you may be happy for all that, if you are contented.

46. If you have two lovers do not marry an inferior if you can marry a superior, unless you think you shall be happy; remember riches soften a multitude of cares.

47. Ah! Miss, why so cross to the lad you hold dear,
Why to him be so cool and so coy?
Then no longer deceive or remain insincere,
But be ruled by the little blind boy.

48. You are odd because you are single, you will be even when married.

49. You will live till all your friends are tired of you.

50. Do not forget the absent.

51. I have lost my sweetheart, but no one knows of it; I cannot help crying till I get another.

52. You will soon get married and live happy.

53. Soon, for tricking others, you will be tricked yourself.

54. You will be crossed in love, but not to break your heart.

55. Many stumbling-blocks will happen in your way through life, but you will be able to kick them all down.

56. A number of offers will happen before one is worthy of acceptance, and be cautious how you choose.

57. You will be troubled out of your life with Cupid; but it will not be long before you are his slave.

58. You are in danger of losing your present sweetheart.

59. By dealing in drugs, potions, and chemistry thou wilt succeed and amass a fortune.

60. Fortune and prosperity will be thine, but thou wilt have also many enemies.

61. The significations are favourable for thy fortune, and thou wilt be a lucky adventurer.

62. Put not too much confidence in thy speculation, the sign of success is doubtful.

63. Prepare thyself for action, for thy foes will press thee hard.

64. Wednesday is thy fortunate day, Friday thine unfortunate, the 14th day of the moon is also remarkable.

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65. At times thou wilt be beset with sickness, but there is no fear of an early termination to thy existence.

66. Thy friend is harassed and perplexed by fickle fortune.

67. Thou shouldst seek for some office or employment under Government, and avoid all speculative projects.

68. Thou wilt be disappointed, and have much woe and sadness in thy love and marriage.

69. If thou art really sincere, travelling is good for thee, and the quarter of the globe to which thou goest is of little importance.

70. Neither travel nor voyage for the space of three weeks, as there is danger of personal injury or loss by theft.

71. Thou wilt woo, weep, and marry, and roam and wander for two years, but beware of the third summer hence.

72. Two-thirds of thy life will be full of unaccountable adventures, the other part will be happy and felicitous.

73. By going Eastward thou wilt gain, avoid the West, and hilly mountainous regions.

74. Thou wilt have a wound in the head, sickness and death in the family, removals, a long, tedious journey, and a legacy.

75. The Oracle is doubtful and ambiguous; try again at a more convenient season.

76. The sick is in manifest jeopardy, but will escape. The 3rd and 7th days hence are critical, the 5th day will decide the matter.

77. Begin thy voyage on a fortunate day, and it will succeed, but for travelling on land the omens are not favourable.

78. Thy success will be in thine old age, when thou wilt inherit the glittering treasures of wealth.

79. Thou hast had many troubles, and more are to come, yet thou wilt enjoy the sunshine of prosperity later on in life.

80. Thou wilt win many times; play boldly, fortune favours thee.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

III.—Ancient Authorities.

IN all ages and races of the world we find that the great philosophers were more or less exponents and votaries of the science. Such men as Hypocrates, Avicenna, Diocles, Berturcius, Gesnerus, Galen, Fernelius, Matholius, Dioscorides, Dedoneus, wrote of the subject from a medical point of view. Anaxagorus, Plato, Demosthenes, Aristotle, Senneca, Macrobius, Thales, Pliny, Quintilian, Anixaminder, Porphyry, Proclus, are all known as upholders of the science. The "great and divine" Hypocrates was accustomed to say that a man who was ignorant of the science of astrology deserved to be called a fool rather than a physician. Berosus the Chaldean, Heroditus, Zenophon, Livy, Suetoneous, Tacitus, Livy, noted Historigraphers, can be counted amongst its votaries.

Another great astrologer was Albumazar of Balch (scholar of Alkendi) a Jew, who was professor of Astrology at Bagdad, in the Caliphate of Almamoum. He wrote expressly for the Persian Astrologers, and it may be from the works of Gjamasp, since he also reports a prediction of the coming of Christ in the following words.—"In the sphere of Persia saith Aben Ezra, there ariseth upon the face of the sign Virgo a beautiful maiden, she holdeth two ears of corn in her hand, and a child in her arm. This maiden, saith Albumazar, we call Adrenedefa, the pure Virgin. She bringeth up the child in a place which is called Abrie, and the child's name is called Eisi."

In Rome we find evidences of the respect and veneration in which astrology was held. The best of the Roman Emperors were the greatest proficients in astrology. It is said that Hadrian, wrote out for himself an anticipatory diary concerning this future, right down to the day of his death. Severus Alexander was one of the most proficient adept in the science of this day, and founded colleges for its cultivation at Rome. Suetonious states that he foretold at the birth of Octavian, that he should be lord of the world, having taken the hour of his birth.

In earlier days. Zoroaster, legislator of the Magi, or wise men of Chaldea, adopted the science, and he became remarkable for its practice. He seems to have been the originator of *Magia* or magic, which at first was a good principle, being the worship and knowledge of the Deity. It has been the fashion of late years to mix up the principles of astral science with what is usually known as magic, a proceeding which has damaged the character of the science to a very great extent.

In the *History of Magic*, it is stated, "It was a principal object of the most ancient magic to endeavour to discover the most simple and most efficacious means of affecting the organisms of other individuals chiefly with a view to the cure of diseases. The Magi, besides being the priestly caste, were also the primitive physicians. At a somewhat later period when experience and research had gradually brought to light several of the more obscure powers of nature, and their action upon the living organisms, this knowledge in the hands of evil-disposed persons, became liable to abuse, and was employed for the accomplishment of other mischievous and unlawful purposes. In process of time, the science of magic, in the hands of unworthy cultivators, degenerated from its original purity into a base and sordid art; and the pretenders to proficiency in this department of knowledge sought unhallowed means of imposing upon the ignorance and credulity of the multitude, by affecting to cultivate an infamous alliance and wicked compact with the powers of darkness. Hence the *goetic* or false magic, or the Black Art, which was always held in merited disrepute among the learned and good. Even in the times of authentic prophecy, however, a distinction was always made between the true seers and the vulgar miracle mongers."

In concluding this portion of our narrative on astrology in the ancient times, the following opinion respecting the "wise men" from the pen of Bishop Porteus, a learned divine. will be of interest.

"The name of those persons whom our translation calls *wise men*, is in the Latin *Magi*, from whence is derives our English word "Magicians." The Magi were a set of ancient philosophers living in the eastern part of the world, collected together in colleges, addicted to the study of *astronomy and other parts of natural philosophy*, and highly esteemed throughout the east, having juster sentiments of God and His worship, than any of the ancient heathens; for they abhorred the adoration of images made in the form of men and animals; and though they did represent the Deity under the symbol of fire (the purest and most active of all material substances) yet they worshipped *one only God;* and so blameless did their studies and their religion appear to be, that the prophet Daniel—scrupulous as he was, to the hazard of his life, with respect to the Jewish religion—did not refuse to accept the office which Nebuchadnezzar gave him of being master of the Magi, and chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon (vide Daniel V., 11). They were, therefore, evidently the fittest of all the ancient heathens to have the first knowledge of the Son, of God, and of salvation by him imparted to them.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

IV.—Health.

THE second of the practical uses of the science of astrology is found in connection with health, medicine, and hygiene. By a knowledge of astrology we are enabled to understand the physical and mental conditions, the form and temperament of the body, the strength of the constitution, the bodily functions, the ailments and disorders of the system, and generally everything pertaining to the health of the person. In addition to this by the planetary positions we are enabled to advise as to food, and proper methods of living, so that many of the ailments of life may be avoided and the general health improved and fortified.

The two words health and disease convey but little without a full understanding of what they really imply. "Health is that state of the body in which the structure of the parts is sound, and their functions properly performed, rendering the individual fit for the duties and enjoyments of life. Disease is that condition in which the vitality is diminished or impaired and some of the animal and vital functions are imperfectly performed."

"To be healthy we must have a perfectly sound body and an even well-balanced mind, and it can be truthfully and correctly said that the ordinary bodily and functional complaints whether arising from predisposing or exciting causes may be rectified, and even prevented, by the use of a little common sense, hygienic methods of living, and a submission to the natural laws of man. Disease is in reality an unnatural condition of the body."

To be able to undertake and effect cures it is necessary that an astrologer should understand a good deal about natural history, anatomy, physiology, and scientific botany, and it is therefore impossible for a mere professor of the science to be capable of medical skill with the aid of his art. Years ago the science of astrology was studied and practised by members of the medical profession, in fact an individual who entered upon the profession of a doctor of medicine either in England or any of the European countries, was obliged to pass an astrological examination. The great Hippocrates said that a man who was ignorant of the science of astrology deserved to be called a fool rather than a physician.

Those who feel interested in medical astrology will do well to purchase Culpepper's "Family Herbal," a decent quarto book, which may be bought for a few shillings. In the preface, the author quaintly observes that he had consulted with his brothers Dr. Reason and Dr. Experience and took a voyage to visit my Mother Nature, by whose advice together with the help of Dr. Diligence, I at last attained my desire, and being warned by Mr. Honesty, a stranger in our days, to publish it to the world he had done so. His instructions for the right use of the book are first to consider what planet causeth the disease; secondly to consider what part of the body is afflicted by the disease, and whether it lies in the flesh, blood, or bones; thirdly, to consider by what planet the afflicted part of the body is governed; fourthly, you may oppose diseases by herbs of the planets opposite to the planet which causeth them, as diseases of Jupiter, by herbs of Mercury, and the contrary, diseases of Mars by herbs of Venus and the contrary; fifthly, there is a way to cure diseases by sympathy, and so every planet cures his own diseases, as the Sun and Moon their herbs cure the eyes, Saturn the spleen, Jupiter the liver, Mars the gall, etc., and Venus all ailments influenced by her.

The astrologer Raphael, in the year 1854, wrote as follows:—"It is to be regretted that many of the most intelligent and otherwise liberal practitioners treat the science of medical botany with neglect and derision, even those from whom we should at least expect fair inquiry and careful investigation upon a subject so important to the welfare and comfort of the human family; but so it is, not only in reference to this particular science, but to many others equally useful and equally neglected, because in a pecuniary sense profitless. In my own limited wanderings I have been repeatedly struck with admiration at the marvellous cures accomplished by the simple use of the most common plants and herbs, under the direction and by the aid of poor, unlearned and otherwise ignorant persons, even after the most experienced of the faculty had exhausted their knowledge and patience. How much more available, then, might those simple but bountiful products of Nature be made, in alleviating our ills and pains. Every herb that grows, and everything that lives, being intended by the allwise Creator for some benevolent and useful purpose, slight experience might convince the sceptical that the vegetable kingdom alone would supply all our wants in medicine—a theory admitted by those who profess to despise the practice. And happily for mankind, the study of botany and physic combined, will ere long, become not only a fashionable pursuit, but a most useful science, and receive such attention as its importance demands from eminent men, some few having already devoted to it their special attention."

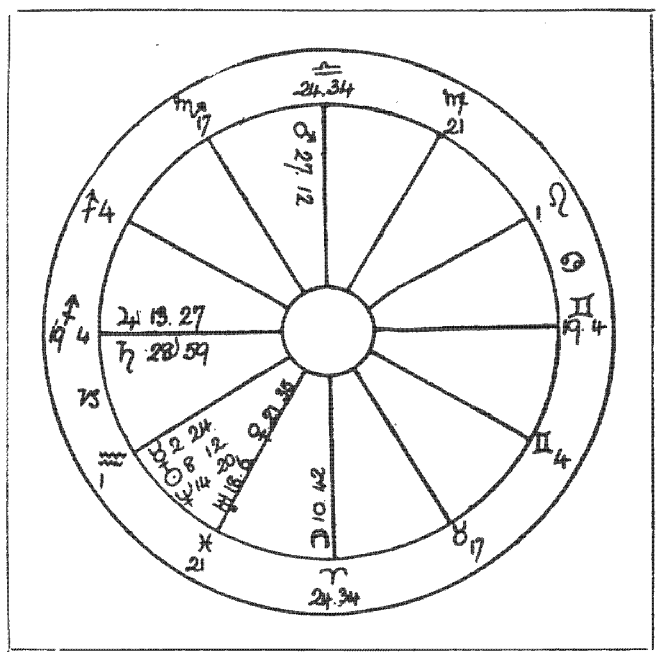
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—IV.

THE LATE SIR H. M. STANLEY.

SIR HENRY MORTON STANLEY, who died on May 10th, 1904, was born on January 28th, 1841, in Denbighshire, near to St. Asaphs, amidst the very humblest of surroundings. Little is known of his origin, his real name, or the rank of his parents, but the facts just stated are believed to be true, and it is also understood that his real name was John Rowlands. The time of his birth was given by Raphael in his almanac about 20 years ago and was stated to be between 5 and 6 a.m. Rectification by the Prenatal Epoch—the only correct method of obtaining the true time of birth—gives the time as 5.2 a.m. ♐ 19°4′ rising. The following are the particulars of birth and epoch.



Birth.	Epoch.
28th January, 1841.	21st April, 1840.
5.2 a.m. Local Time	4.19 a.m.
5.16 a.m. Greenwich Time	4.33 a.m.
Asc. 19° 4′ ♐	☽ 19° 4′ ♐
☽ 10° 42′ ♈	Asc. 10° 42′ ♈

H. M. Stanley, to use the words of Shakespeare, was neither born to greatness nor had greatness thrust upon him, but he was architect of his own fortunes and carved his way to fame by his own resolute character and iron will.

"Bula Matade"—the rock breaker—was the nickname the natives in Central Africa gave Stanley, and a more descriptive title could not have been chosen. He was a man of iron, of dogged will, a true leader of men. His prominent jaw and hard resolute mouth betokened his strength of character (♄ rising ✶ ♂, ♂ ruler of the decanate rising).

The second decanate of Sagittarius (of the nature of ♈) rising gives the keynote to Stanley's character. It indicated one who has a good intellectual ability, but who adopts his own methods and cares little for the opinion of others when there is work to do. To use the words of the *Daily Express* "He had rough work to do and he did it in his own rough way, pressing forward towards the mark with a strenuous purpose that scarcely heeded those who fell by the way. But if the path of his expeditions too often resembled the track of the Arab raider it was because the natives refused his passage. He marched forward, peaceably if he could; if he could not—well, it was not his fault if the guns got to work."

He lost his father at an early age (M.C. ♂ ♂, ☽ □ ☉ R. by progress), and from his third to his tenth year was an inmate of the St. Asaph workhouse (☉ ♂ Neptune). His quick intelligence (☿ in ♒) and receptiveness, en-

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abled him by the little education he received to afterwards act as a teacher in an American school.

When about fifteen years of age he shipped as a cabin boy to America. Here he attracted the attention of a New Orleans merchant, Mr. H. M. Stanley, by whom he was adopted (☉ ♂ Neptune), and whose name he took as his own. About this time the operating directions were :—☽ R ♂ ♀ P—☉ R ✶ ♀ P.

In 1861 Stanley enlisted in the Confederate Army, but was taken prisoner (prog. M.C. □ Neptune—☉ △ ♂ R), and afterwards transferred his services to the Federals.

In 1867 he was sent as correspondent of the *New York Herald* with the British Army in Magdala (☿ P ♂ ♅ on cusp of third ruling newspapers and the press and ☉ P △ ♂ P), and in October, 1869, he was commissioned to set out to Central Africa to find Livingstone. This took place under the directions M.C. △ ♀, Asc ‖ ☉, ☽ ☌ ♂, ☽ △ ♄ post-natal, and ♃ ✶ ☉, ☿ ♂ Asc., ♂ ✶ ♃, ☽ ♂ ♀ and ♅ pre-natal. In November, 1871, he arrived in Ujiji on the eastern bank of Lake Tanganyika where he found the object of his search. At this time we have ☉ P ‖ ☽, ☉ P ‖ ♂, ☽ ✶ ♀ and ♅.

Upon his arrival in England in May, 1872, Stanley was received with high honors, presents from Royalty, congratulations, invitations, and addresses poured in from all sides, in appreciation of the services rendered by him ; and, as the *Daily Telegraph* puts it : "of the iron endurance, the sagacity, and fearlessness with which, obeying Mr. Gordon Bennett's generous but laconic instructions, he had 'found Livingstone.' Regardless of toil, and in defiance of danger, fever, starvation, thirst, heat and privations of many kinds, Stanley had now marked himself out as the 'intrepido viaggiatore' to whom King Humbert of Italy presented a portrait of himself, and a gold medal received from his Royal father, Victor Emmanuel."

The directions during the month were as follows :—

☉ P ‖ ☽ R Asc. P ‖ ♃ P ☽ P △ ☿ R.
Asc. P ✶ ♅ R ☽ P △ ☉ P.

We will pass along now to 1879, when Stanley set out for the Congo under the auspices of the "African International Association" with the King of the Belgians as their founder and patron. His task was now a commercial one, establishing trading stations and opening up the country. It is evident now that his work was difficult and hazardous judging from the directions operating ☉ □ ♃ and ☉ ♂ ♅ and it was not until five years later (1884) that the Congo Free State was founded. At this time the following directions were in operation :—

☉ P ♂ ♅ P Asc. P ♂ ☿ R ☽ △ ☉ P.
☉ P ♂ ♀ R Asc. P ‖ ♃ R ☽ △ ♀ R.
♃ P △ Asc. R ☽ ♅ ♂ P.

This period seems to have been the most successful of Sir Henry's life.

In 1887 he started on his extraordinary expedition to relieve Emin Pasha, Gordon's lieutenant, on the Upper Nile. This expedition was started under rather unfavourable influences, but it was successful and Stanley had the satisfaction and triumph of meeting and bringing away the Pasha.

In 1889 he was married under the direction M.C. ♂ ♃ R, which influence also brought him honorary degrees and the freedom of several cities.

Sir Henry died on the 10th of May, 1904. His health had been for some time in an indifferent state consequent on the repeated attacks of malarial fever (note ☽ par. ♂ at birth) from which he suffered in Central Africa.

The directions at death were as follows :—

☉ P par. ♅ R and P (midway between the two parellels).
☉ P ♂ ☽ R (separating).
Asc. P par. ♅ R.
☽ ☌ Neptune R.

On the day of the death the Moon was in ♐ exactly in the progressed ascendant and conjunction with ♅, while at the hour of death the progressed Moon's place was on the cusp of the fourth house—the grave.

Sir H. M. Stanley's rise from obscurity to a position of fame and eminence is due to the splendid aspects of the ☉, ☽ and ♃ to the rising position of his ruling planet, and to the oriental position of the whole of the planets.

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Birthday Influences during January.

And the Fate of any Child born during the Month.

1. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♐, ✶ ☿. △ ♃. A good year with social and financial success and gain in new enterprises. A child born on this day will be merry and jovial in disposition and will, be both popular and successful in life.

2. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♐, □ ♄, □ ♂. An evil anniversary, danger of accidents and ill health, disputes, and litigation. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous, and generally unfortunate; should avoid law and quarrelling.

3 FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♑, ♂ ☿, ♂ ☉, ♂ ♅, ☌ ♆. A doubtful year, many sudden and unexpected reverses and changes; gain through employment. A child born on this day will be clever and original, but will be liable to many reversals and drawbacks and may end his days in poverty.

4. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♑, ✶ ♄, ✶ ♂. An evil year, sudden losses and disappointments, but gain through employment and new work. A child born on this day will be of a changeful and restless nature, but energetic and active, and will gain in the employ of others.

5. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♒, ☌ ♃, ♂ ☿. A changeable year, disappointments and trouble; increase of expenses but gain through the other sex. A child born on this day will be extravagant, prodigal over money and liable to waste his patrimony in unprofitable pursuits.

6. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♒, par ☌ & ♃. A generally successful year, quiet on the whole, but good for new enterprises and dealings with the other sex. A child born on this day will have a quiet career in life, should remain in the employ of others and avoid recklessness with money.

7. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♓, ✶ ☿, ✶ ♅. A favourable year for changes and travel; success in business and affairs. A child born on this day will be clever, talented and original; will gain credit in scientific studies, but should always remain in the employ of others.

8. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, ✶ ☉, ♂ ♄. A doubtful anniversary; benefits in employment, and improvement of position, but danger of ill health and family troubles. A child born on this day will benefit in the employ of others; should never take responsibility, and should avoid drugs.

9. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♈, ♂ ♂, par ♄, △ ♃. An evil anniversary, danger of accident and hurt to the face, and of ill health. Some probability of gain financially. A child born on this day will be rash, headstrong and impulsive, and liable to accidents to the head. Should always remain in employment.

10. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♈, □ ♅, □ ♆, □ ☿, □ ☉, ✶ ☿. A very unfavourable year, many changes and adverse conditions, trouble through letters, loss of employment, some help through friends. A child born on this day will have a restless and unsettled nature, have a hard fight through life, but may benefit through friends.

11. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♉, par ♄. A troublesome year, danger of ill health; family loss; changes should be avoided. A child born on this day will have an uneventful life, and should always remain in employment.

12. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♉, □ ♃, ✶ ♆, △ ♆. A generally favourable year, many changes, a restless tendency but expenses very high A child born on this day will be intuitive and inspirational, will travel and change, but will be unlucky with money.

13. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♉, △ ☿, □ ☿, △ ☉, ✶ ♄, ✶ ♂. A successful year, with many changes; some disappointments but improvement and promotion in business. A child born on this day will be clever and enterprising, will rise in life and be successful, but should be careful in dealings with the other sex.

14. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♊, par & ✶ ♃. A most successful anniversary; promotion and improvement of position with financial and social gain. A child born on this day will rise in life to a high position, will be successful in business and popular.

15. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, par ☉, △ ☿, □ ♄. A fairly successful year, benefit through employment, success in financial matters, but danger of ill health and family trouble. A child born on this day will rise in life, will gain through employment, should guard against cold and chill, and keep the health guarded.

16. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♋, P ♆, □ ♂. An unfavourable birthday, danger of plots and schemes, and of ill health, and feverish complaints. A child born on this day will have great trouble to succeed in life, should be careful of being victimised or swindled; should guard against law and quarrelling.

17. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♋, par ☿, ♂ ♆, ☌ ♅. A troublesome anniversary, many adverse changes, worries and anxieties. Disputes with others are shown. A child born on this day will be clever, but erratic and changeful; will have many oppositions to contend with and have a hard struggle with life.

18. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, par △ ♄, ☌ ☉, ☌ ☿. An unfavourable year, danger of loss of employment, trouble through superior, but help from elderly people. A child born on this day will do best in the employ of others, and should act warily and discreetly in all things.

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19. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♌, △ ♂, par ☉, ♂ ♅. A splendid anniversary, favourable changes, improvement of position, social and financial success. A child born on this day will rise in life, be enterprising and ambitious and gain credit, popularity, and monetary success.

20. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, par ♅. A generally successful year, improvement of position, but a slight danger of disputes and quarrels. A child born on this day will be generally successful in life, but liable to accidents and feverish complaints.

21. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♍, ♂ ☿. A disappointing year, unfavourable for love affairs and dealings with others generally; financial loss is shown. A child born on this day will have much trouble through women and should always avoid them.

22. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♍, par ☿, ✶ ♆, △ ♅. A good year, benefic changes, financial benefits and success in love affairs and home comforts. A child born on this day will be clever and intuitive, will gain through the other sex, but should always remain in employ.

23. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, ♂ & par ♄. An unfavourable anniversary, ill health, hindrances to progress and family trouble. A child born on this day will be sharp and clever, but most unfortunate in worldly affairs.

24. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♎, △ ☉, ✶ ♅, ♂ ♂, △ ☿, □ ♅, □ ♆. A doubtful birthday, many sudden changes, danger of feverish complaints and loss of employment. A child born on this day will be restless and unsettled, very hot-tempered and often getting into trouble; should always remain in employ.

25. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♎, par ♂ & ♄. An unfavourable birthday, danger of disputes and litigation; the health should be guarded. A child born on this day will be hot-tempered and rebellious, and be constantly in trouble with others.

26. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, □ ☉, □ ♅, △ ☿. An unfavourable birthday for health and financial affairs, good for love affairs and home comforts. A child born on this day will be a favourite with the opposite sex, but should always remain in employ.

27. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♍, □ ☿, △ ♆, ✶ ♅. A doubtful anniversary; trouble through letters, but some favourable changes and a removal. A child born on this day will be clever and original, but sarcastic, sharp and over-reaching.

28. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♐, △ ♄. A generally successful year, some little worries and annoyances, but improvement of position and gain through elders. A child born on this day will rise in life and hold some important position.

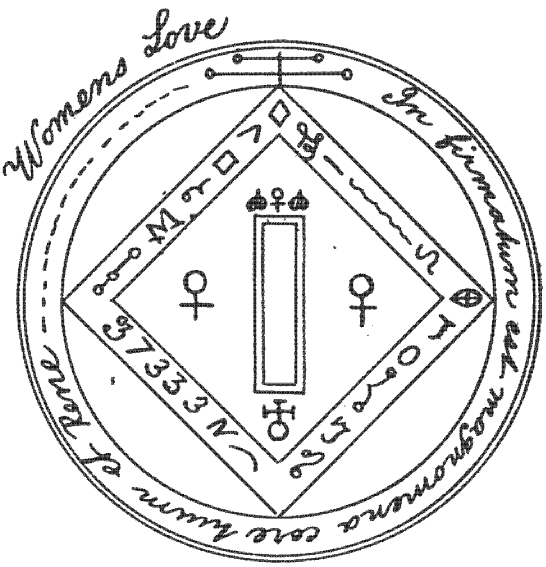
29. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♐, ✶ ☉, ☿ △, ♂ ♅, □ ☿. A good anniversary, favourable changes and improvement of position, but some disappointment and trouble through females. A child born on this day will rise in life, be popular and respected, but will have disappointments in love.

30. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♐, ♄. An unfavourable anniversary, ill health and misfortune, trouble through elders and family affairs. A child born on this day will have much to put up with in life and should always remain in the employ of others.

31. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♑, ☿ ♆, ♂ ✶, □ ♂, ✶ ☿. An unfortunate year, many worries and anxieties, and unforeseen changes; some dangers of disputes and quarrels, slight benefits through friends. A child born on this day will be restless, unsettled and turbulent in disposition, liable to accidents; but may benefit through the other sex.

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On the Rectification of Nativities;

or, Finding the True Time of Birth. By ASTROLABUS.

WHEN the true time of birth is not known, of course it is impossible for the Astrologer to arrive at correct deductions respecting the events in the life of the individual.

Now the rectification of a nativity is a delicate piece of work, but it can be managed successfully if only sufficient pains be taken. In Zadkiel's Grammar of Astrology, which deals principally with Primary Directions, which, as most readers are aware, are calculated by means of Trigonometry the rectification is a long and very difficult task.

What I aim at in these few lines, is to outline a method which shall be adapted to the system of calculating, sometimes called the Chaldean method. This method makes principal use of what are called by Zadkiel, the Secondary Directions. All the mathematical knowledge which will be required for the successful application of the precepts which I am about to give, is a ready use of a simple proportion or the rule of three.

The best way of putting this method before the reader will be by means of an example, with explanation added where necessary.

First, prepare a list of events in the life of the native, writing opposite to each the exact age at the time of the event in years, months, and weeks (or days), if the student wishes to be very accurate. Then turn these ages into the arcs for the events in accordance with the Chaldean or prophetic measure of time, by allowing a day for a year, and two hours for a month, with minutes in proportion for the days. Note the example given.

Deducting 22 days 0 hours 24 minutes from ☽ △ ☉ this gives us a birth time (to try with) of 3 hours 24 minutes p.m. If we set up a map for this time we find that M. C. □ ♂ progressive position fits in true for the third event; M. C. ♂ Prog. ♃ in 15°-32′ ♍ and Prog. ♂ △ Radical Asct. in 13°-47′ ♐ come up true for the second marriage; while the period of success (second event) fits in with the influence of Prog.

EXAMPLE.

Male—born at London, 15th August, 1840. Time not definitely known.

Events.	Age.	Arc. At a day for a year.
1st. Voyage to India.	22 years 6 days.	22 days 0 hours 24 min.
2nd. *Period of success.*		
3rd. Returned to England. Lost money and health.	24 years 73 days.	24 days 4 hours 48 min.
4th. Second marriage.	29 years 318 days.	29 days 21 hours 12 min.
5th. Fortunate occurrence.	39 years 252 days.	39 days 16 hours 48 min.
6th. Death of father.	36 years 225 days.	36 days 14 hours 56 min.

Add the Arcs given to the 15th August, 1840, and we find :—

First. ☽ △ ☉ 6 days 3 hours 48 minutes. September, 1840.

☽ ✶ ♃ 6 days 4 hours 22 minutes. September, 1840.

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♃ ✶ Prog. ☉, which, of course, lasts a long time and under which the first marriage occurred.

The period of misfortune and loss of money (third event) fits in with Prog. ♂ ☐ Radical ♃. For the fifth event (a fortunate occurrence) we find Ascendant in ✶ ♅ and M. C. ✶ ☿. For the sixth event (death of father) we get ☽ ☐ Asc. exact to event, followed by ☽ ☐ Radical ♄ operating a month later, which again are followed by ☽ ☐ ♄ Prog. and ☽ ☐ ♅ Radical.

We thus conclude that native was born *about 3·20* p.m., especially as no other time fits in equally as well.

Moreover, the ascendant and mid-heaven found thus in this nativity correspond with the angles at the birth times of some of his children—these latter being carefully noted. The intelligent student will readily grasp from this example the method I suggest for the verification or rectification of a nativity by the use of secondary arcs.

The Story of Astrology.

By ARTHUR MEE.

THIS little booklet, which has been published by request of the Astronomical Society of Wales, is one of especial interest to all lovers of Astrology, and more so as it is the work of one who was at one time a disbeliever in the science. To use his own words "In company with every modern professional and nearly every amateur astronomer he had the utmost contempt for astrology, and expressed the same frequently by word of mouth as well as in print." But he also adds "He made the acquaintance of an advanced student of astrology who gave him some practical instruction and urged him to examine the subject himself." The advice was taken and the result of all this was a complete reversal of the views adopted prior to an investigation of the subject. The writer deserves the thanks of all students for his pluck in openly declaring his belief in what he once ridiculed, and his action should be taken as an example for others, especially those literary cynics who sneer at astrologers as "silly people who have no real learning and have never been taught to think, and that their books were only intended to dupe the credulous and impress silly people."

Mr. Mee speaks very strongly on the unfair attitude of avowed opponents of the science, especially among scientific men and the press, and of the abusive and unwarrantable attacks which have been made against upholders of the science. He then proceeds to give a brief sketch of the history of the science right from the earliest ages, far beyond the orthodox "six thousand years," right up to the present time, much of which has already appeared in this journal, though some of it is new. He mentions the names of the three great Druid astrologers, Idris Gawr, Gwdion, the son of Don, and Gwyn the son of Nudd, and various others of repute in our own country.

The little booklet concludes with an elementary idea of the science and the figure of the horoscope, though we are inclined to think that these elementary ideas are apt to give students a rather "cheap" idea of the science, instead of the impression that it is a science which in our opinion requires more than ordinary capabilities to understand.

We recommend this booklet to all readers of the journal, and welcome the author as a colleague and co-worker in the cause of our science.

IT IS estimated that 293 hairs on the head, 39 on the chin, 23 on the forearm, and 19 on the back of the hand are respectively contained in an area of a quarter of an inch.

The temperature of a man in ordinary good health is 98·6 deg. Fahr. That of a snail is said to be 76 deg., of an oyster 82 deg., while that of a chicken is as high as 111 degrees.

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The Science of Palmistry.

Having devoted three articles to the science and covered the elementary part, we feel that many will be satisfied with the knowledge imparted. For those, however, who wish to go deeper into this fascinating sphere of occultism, we recommend the study of the following books which can be had of the publishers.

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Book Reviews.

PRACTICAL ASTROLOGY. Leo. New Edition, 1907. 3s. 6d. Nichols, Oxford Street.

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Something about Leap Year.

The change from the old style to the new style in 1752 involved some curious anomalies. The reason of the change may be briefly explained.

The real length of a solar year is 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 49½ seconds. The Julian Calendar (old style) made one year in four a leap year, so that the average length of a year was 365 days 6 hours. This was 11 minutes 10½ seconds too long, and the error amounted to a whole day in 129 years, or three days in 387 years. To correct this error the Gregorian Calendar (new style) reduced these leap years to common years in every four centuries, thus diminishing the average year by three days in 400 years. It was in consequence of this correction that after 1896 we had no leap year till 1904, the rule being that while in the course of a century every year divisible by four is a leap year, the century years themselves —1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, etc.—are not leap years, unless, after rejecting 00, the remaining figures are divisible by 4. Thus, 1600 and 2,000 are leap years, but not 1700, 1800, 1900. This correction made the average length of the calendar year to be 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 27 seconds. This is too short by 22½ seconds, but this remaining error is almost exactly compensated by substituting a common year for a leap year once in four thousand years, viz , in 4000, 8000, etc.

We have said that the new style was not adopted in England till 1752. By that time the difference between the calendar year and the solar year had accumulated so long as to amount to eleven days. An Act of Parliament was passed ordering that the day after Wednesday, September 2nd, 1752, should be reckoned as Thursday, September 14th, 1752; and the public libraries' almanacs for 1752 may still be consulted, giving only nineteen days to September.

This is the only occasion on which any nation has had a month of only nineteen days, or a month with only two Sundays. For when the nations of the Roman obedience changed from old style to new style in October, 1582, the error had only accumulated to ten days. With them, October, 1582, had twenty-one days, and necessarily three of them were Sundays.

The Russians have not yet adopted the Gregorian or new style. The year 1800 was therefore with them a leap year, though it was in Western Europe a common year.

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Answers to Correspondents

AN INTERESTED ONE would like to know if the daily guide is applicable to everyone, irrespective of the planetary positions at birth. The daily guide is applicable to all and everyone for general guidance in everyday matters, but a daily guide based on the planetary positions at birth, and the attendant directions, is especially valuable, and indeed more so than the general one given each month.

AQUARIUS RISING wants to know the difference between the Primary and Secondary systems of directing, and which is the most reliable. The primary system is based on the rotation of the earth, causing the planets, so to speak, to move round the horoscope, forming aspects with each other, and with the places they held at birth. It requires a knowledge of Logarithms and Trigonometry. The secondary system, or to be more correct, the progressive system, is based on the motions of Sun, Moon and planets after birth, and is calculated by erecting a figure for each day after birth at the birth time, every 24 hours after birth being accounted as one year. As to which is the most reliable must depend entirely upon the skill of the practitioner. Our experience has proved that the progressive system is by far the most reliable, both as regards the time of events and their nature.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

Trade Prospects.

The new Moon of February 2nd occurs at 8.36 in the morning, when the early part of Pisces will be rising, and the luminaries in the twelfth house, separating from opposition to Jupiter and applying to the sextile of Mars. This points to heavy expenditure on the part of hospitals and kindred institutions, but also to a hearty response to their requirements. The rising position of Venus points to a peaceful state of the people and country generally, though as the month advances more unrest will be discernable and a quarrelsome tendency will be felt. The national exchequer will be in a good state and trade will improve, while the railway service and post office will be more settled. Neptune in the fifth is not good for the rising generation, and the birth rate may be low; and some scandals or romantic episodes in the theatrical world are denoted. Jupiter in the sixth is good for the health of the community, though heart troubles may be frequent; and heavy expenses will be incurred in naval affairs.

Approaching Dissolution.

The death of prominent military men is presignified, and many sudden deaths among the people. Colonial affairs will be prosperous and their share in the maintenance of the navy will come prominently before the public. Royalty will probably be concerned in the launching of a large warship. Uranus in the eleventh afflicted by Mars and Neptune is evil for the Commons, they will have much to contend with from socialistic opponents, and there will be an outcry in the country which may result later in dissolution. The wings in parliament will not agree, while there will be heated discussions, disagreements and party splits. An army scandal will be revived and cause great changes in drawing room regiments. In Germany Mars will be rising, pointing to a martial tone among the people, and much unrest and rioting.

Return of Influenza.

The new Moon of the 2nd March occurs at a few minutes to seven in the evening when the end of Virgo will be rising, Saturn just setting, and the lunation close to the place of Mars at the last quarterly figure. The danger of strife is very great, and it will require great skill to steer clear of international disputes. The health of the people will be bad, influenza and consumption

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being frequent. Disasters on battleships are to be feared, with heavy loss of life. The revenue will not be deficient, though trade bad, but there will be a good deal of work required in naval affairs. Some terrible railway accident is threatened. There will be many deaths among women, and an artist or singer of renown will depart this life. The affliction of the luminaries is not good for the King and Government, and with Neptune in the tenth house, scandals will occur in high life. Jupiter in the eleventh in square to Mars points to heated debates in the Commons on religious and financial matters, but with Jupiter retrograde nothing is likely to result from it.

Indian and African Troubles.

The square of Mars and Jupiter from fixed signs will cause many disastrous earthquakes, especially in the south of Europe, Italy, France and the Grecian Archipelago. Religious riots will occur in France and Italy. Turkey will be in a bad way and may cause a naval demonstration on the part of the Powers. Indian and South African affairs will still cause grave concern, and Irish matters will also come before the public again. In the Commons there will be exciting scenes on this subject.

Exciting Scenes on 'Change.

The square of Mars and Jupiter takes place on March 1st at 5.44 in the morning. Jupiter will then be setting, and Mars in the second house. This points to exciting scenes on the Stock Exchange, a big fall in securities and the failure of some prominent firms. A disastrous earthquake will occur in Long. 63 E. At Tokio Jupiter will be rising, and Mars near the mid-heaven, which is ominious of religious riots and fanaticism. A tidal wave may do great damage off the coasts of Japan. Through Southern Russia and Persia Mars will be rising, and religious riots and incendiarism will be rampant.

A medical authority asserts that colds and catarrh are most frequently caused, not by cold, out-door air, but by warm, impure, indoor air.

Astronomical Phenomena

FOR FEBRUARY, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	2nd	...	8h. 37m. morn.
First Quarter,	9th	...	4h. 28m. morn.
Full Moon,	17th	...	9h. 5m. morn.
Last Quarter,	25th	...	3h. 24m. morn.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY is an evening star, enters ♓ on the 5th and becomes stationary on the 20th; turns retrograde and is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 28th.

VENUS is an evening star, now well placed for observation, enters ♈ on the 14th. In ☌ ♄ on the 10th.

MARS is an evening star in ♈, enters ♉ on the 23rd.

JUPITER is a prominent object in the north-east just after sunset, retrograde all the month in the first decanate of ♌.

SATURN is in ♓, visible in the west after sunset; gradually getting near the horizon.

URANUS is in ♑ and Neptune in ♋. Both of these are telescopic planets, the latter is well situated for observation.

The Sun enters ♓ on the 20th at 0h. 54m. a.m.

The Weather.

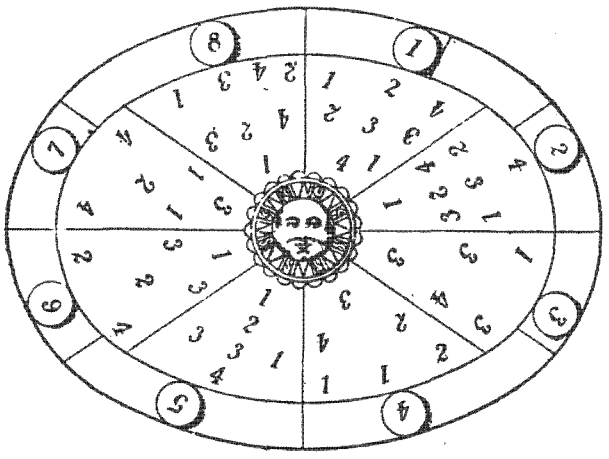
The month opens with raw cold weather, downfall about 2nd and 4th, stormy 9th, changeable to 13th, very cold and wet 16th, warmer about 20th, stormy and changeable 22nd to 25th, heavy rains, wind, snow and sleet 29th. A probable spell of frost during the month.

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The Tablet of Fate.

A Parlour and Drawing Room Game of Amusement.

Prick with a pin in this Circle for a Number and then refer to the Explanation table.



In this you will be sure to find
The fate that is for you designed.

INTRODUCTION.

HOWEVER trifling it may appear to some people, there are in reality few things more worthy of attention than the planetary signs under which we were born, as the then reigning planets have an undoubted influence on our destiny; and besides each one's own fate, every person inherits, more or less, a portion of the planetary influence of their parents; and thus marriage frequently alters the whole destiny, softens a person born under malign planets, may overcome the poverty or evils they occasion; while others born to bright prospects may, by an imprudent union, mar their own good fortune.

In casting your nativity you must be particular to observe that the solar (Sun) year begins on or about the twentieth day of March, when the Sun enters into Aries, represented by astronomers under the form of a ram, and continues in that sign a calendar month; Taurus (the bull) then takes the ascendency; and thus go the twelve signs in succession. Observe also what planet reigns at the time of the birth: if a good planet, it takes away the malignancy of the bad sign, and gives a mixed fate; and a bad planet, with a good sign, has the same influence. A good planet and a good sign make a happy and prosperous life; a bad sign and a bad planet wretchedness; but yet, as we before remarked, this may be done away with, or remedied, by marriage, or softened by your hereditary planets. Indeed, in the wise disposition of human events, there is abundantly more room for hope and gratitude than despair; for you are not to suppose that your fate is so fixed that, let whatever be prognosticated, it must happen:—the planetary influence is only so far certain that, were you ignorant of the circumstances of your future destiny, it would undoubtedly happen, because you used no endeavours to avert the doom:—but when forewarned, you may, if it be good, direct yourself so as to realise the accomplishment of your good fortune in the fullest and completest manner; while, if it be bad, you may, by a wakeful prudence, counteract the mischief, or at least prevent its being so detrimental to you as it might otherwise have been. For instance, should a female, on consulting her nativity, be cautioned against a deceitful lover or warned against a too early or precipitate marriage with a person she knows not sufficiently, she might, by her fore-knowledge, outscheme the stratagems of the one, and prevent the miseries and poverty which the other step might entail upon her, perhaps for life; but to which, had she not been forewarned, she might have fallen a victim.

The names and influence of the planets are thus described:—

VENUS—Love; the person born under her influence, amorous, and gay in disposition.

MARS—Hasty, impetuous, and persevering; better for men than women.

MERCURY—A bustling life, and full of changes; but prosperous to those of a sanguine disposition.

JUPITER—A wish to control will involve those born under his influence in quarrels and disputes; yet Jupiter is a good planet for a man as to prosperity in trade.

SATURN—A malign planet, indicative of a hard fate, unless Mercury or Venus reign at the same time, when it is bettered by their influence.

The MOON—has great influence; the women have the best fate who are born at the new Moon, and so on to the decrease.

We are thus particular, as we wish all persons who choose to make a trial, to be enabled to tell their own or their friends' destiny by our directions, in a plain and unerring manner, which they will certainly do by attending to our rules and observations, to their advantage as well as amusement.

We say advantage, for if they are warned against approaching evil they may avoid or soften it by a wary and prudent conduct; and if a failing is pointed out in their own temper or disposition, that retards their advancement in life, they may have the good sense to render themselves more amiable, honest,

*NOTE.—To cast your nativity, you require either "The Key to Astrology" or the "Primer of Astrology," 1s. each, or post free 1s. 2d.

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chaste, or industrious. and thus obliterate the dark shade; while the happiness promised to the excellent character under a good planet may encourage them to persevere in virtue and good deeds.

EXPLANATION OF THE TABLET OF FATE.

AMONGST the numerous rarities and curiosities brought from the ruins of ancient Greece, none has excited more interest than a curious manuscript which was purchased at a considerable price, and is here presented to the searchers into futurity with great confidence in its merits.

Prick in the middle circle; observe the number, and then look at the head of the division in which your chance has fallen, and it will guide you to your answer; as thus, for an example:—

No. 4, division 8, is
Number 4 in the House of Aries.
An indifferent life in youth, but a prosperous old age.

Persons may try their chance three times at one recourse to the Tablet of Fate, but more destroys the significance of the answers, which are as follow:—

No. 1.—THE CASTLE OF EXALTATION.

1. A superior marriage.
2. Most happy wedlock.
3. A great rise in your affairs. Very good to servants, or to those in a state of dependency.
4. An even life and content.

No. 2.—TRIAL SHIP.

1. A fortune gained by prosperous industry.
2. You will wed a partner from a foreign land.
3. If single, you will soon be married; if married, it will fall to your lot to bury your partner, and contract a second marriage; whether better or worse must be left to chance to decide.
4. Success at a future time through friends, or, most probably, dutiful offspring, particularly to a female.

No. 3.—VENUS.

1. Fortunate in love.
2. A variety of lovers.
3. Beware of intrigue, lest you ruin your domestic peace.
4. You will be thrice married.

No. 4.—JUPITER.

1. A happy marriage to a woman; but a man will get a tyrannical wife.
2. A good number to those who have to earn their bread.
3. Speedy vexation and disappointment, but not for life.
4. A handsome present.

No. 5.—SATURN.

1. Undutiful children.
2. Loss of money.
3. False friends, scandal, or hasty words.
4. You will have a run of crosses and troubles; but when you least expect it, there will be a sudden transition to competence and happiness. This number is worse for a female than one of the opposite sex.

No. 6.—MERCURY.

[This planet reminds you that you are over-hasty in your decisions, and you would prosper better with reflecting before you transact, or, as the Quakers advise, "He that thinks twice before he speaks once, will speak twice the better for it."]

1. A speedy, but most unexpected journey, for your advantage
2. A visit you do not expect; but it will vex you, unless by a prudent behaviour you prevent its bad import.
3. Very good for those who are about to enter in any new house, place, or speculation, particularly marriage.
4. A letter, at no great distance of time.

No. 7.—HOPE CHURCH.

1. Unexpected marriage, either to yourself, or one in whose fate you have, or take, a great interest.
2. A promise of marriage that will never be performed. I would advise females to be guarded when this is foretold.
3. You will wed a person of no fortune, but he or she will make up for that deficiency by merit and amiable qualifications; if you are already married, this foreshows that an unexpected good fortune will befall you by means of your partner or your partner's relations.
4. An imprudent marriage will cause you much sorrow, unless prevented and counteracted by your own prudence.

No. 8.—THE HOUSE OF ARIES.

1. A long and prosperous life. No one is exempt from cares and trouble; but yours will be comparatively light.
2. Your charities will gain you the blessing of some one who may afterwards be able to befriend you in return, and you will prosper.
3. Bids you beware how you place your confidence, lest you are betrayed, and discover your own credulity when it is too late.
4. An indifferent life in youth, but a prosperous old age.

Of Interest to New Subscribers.

Back numbers of THE MESSENGER are all in print. Below are some of the contents:—

No. 1.—On Talismans; King Edward's Horoscope; Daily Guide for Ladies; Our Marriage Portion; Practical uses of Astrology; Love, Marriage, Destiny; Sisters Dare Horoscopes; Palmistry, etc., etc.

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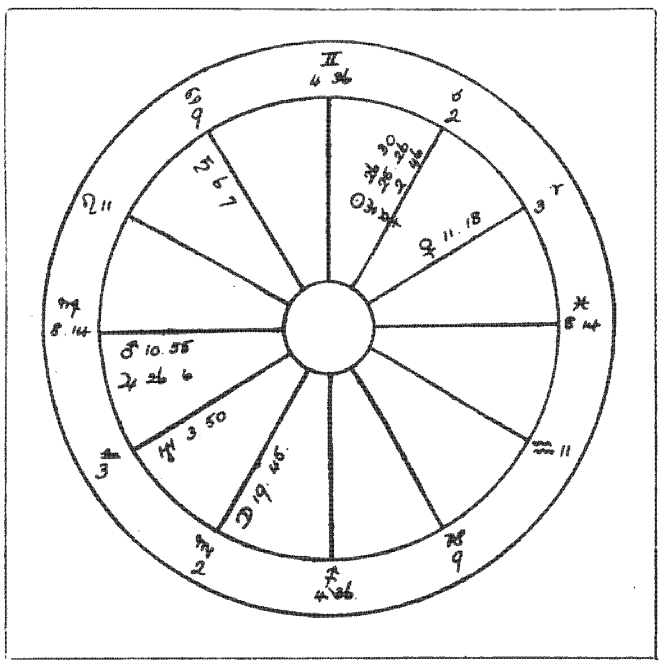
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

V.—The King of Spain.

ALPHONSO XIII., who was a king from the moment he drew his first breath, was born on the 17th May, 1886, at half-past twelve at noon, and the horoscope appended below is drawn for that time.

We find the sign Virgo rising, with Mars just below the ascendant in Sextile to Saturn; the Sun conjoined with Neptune in the ninth in opposition to the Moon in the third; Venus in Aries in the eighth in square to Saturn in the eleventh. The rising position of Mars in sextile to Saturn will give him energy and courage; he will be ambitious and enterprising and eager to excel in everything. His courage and fearlessness with regard to danger have more than once been shown, especially on two occasions when attempts have been made against his life, and his manly and straightforward character have won him admiration everywhere. This position, however, is not without danger, both as regards the life and person, as it will tend to make him aggressive, too impulsive and rash, and thus bring upon himself troubles which might have otherwise been avoided. I am not, however, of opinion that a violent death is shown in this map, for neither the Sun or Moon are afflicted by the malefics, though grave dangers to the life are shown while travelling. In character the King of Spain is firm and unbending, reserved and determined, fixed and decisive, and will carry out his resolves with a stern unbending which brooks of no opposition. He is energetic, capable of plenty of hard work, self-reliant, and self-willed, though kind-hearted and affectionate.



The marriage of the King to Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenburg, took place on May 31st, 1906. The event was marred by a dastardly attempt on the life of the young couple, but the day was an evil one, for the Moon was passing the place of Mars in both horoscopes, and Venus was transitting Saturn in the King's figure. In addition to this Mars was transitting the King's progressed mid-heaven, and was in square to Venus in the Queen's horoscope. All these influences tend to show that an evil day was chosen for the happy event, and the terrible danger both passed through was well defined. For a delineation of the Queen of Spain's horoscope see page 95 of the present number.

The directions operating in the King's horoscope are none too favourable. The principal ones for the marriage, were the Ascendant to the conjunction and parallel of Jupiter, and the trine of the Sun and

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Neptune, but the Sun, however, is gradually approaching the square of the progressed Mars, pointing to grave danger both of ill health and attempts on the life.

In September of 1908, the Moon will be conjoined with Mars in the ascendant of the horoscope, and Mars by transit will pass this point on the 10th of the month, and about the 20th of the month will transit the progressed Mars and the square of the progressed Sun. This month is especially one of grave personal danger, and it is clear that an attempt will be made upon his life.

In March and April of 1909, the Moon will be in conjunction with the progressed Mars and square the progressed Sun, and these two months will be even more evil. In the early part of February we find Mars by transit afflicting these planets, and also at the beginning of June, and both these periods also will be very dangerous.

The Sun will reach the exact square of Mars in the early part of 1911, and in January of that year we find Mars transitting the square of its progressed place and the opposition of the progressed Sun. May of that year as well as October and November, will be evil months for the health and person as well. Students will do well to compare this horoscope with that of the Queen of Spain's given on another page.

Fulfilled Prophecies.

In the January notes to his Almanack for 1908 Old Moore of Pilgrim Street predicted a great disaster to children early in the month and later a terrible railway accident. The fulfilment of these predictions will be found in the heartrending scenes witnessed at Barnsley on January 11th, where 16 children were crushed to death and some 40 injured, as also in the horrible rush at Boyertown, Pennsylvania, on the 13th, where upwards of 160 men, women, and children met their death in the Opera House. The Huddersfield railway accident on the same day in which 12 persons were seriously injured, together with the foregoing disasters furnish gruesome testimony to the wisdom of the Pilgrim Street Prophet. Copies of the Almanack may still be had at 1d. and 2d.

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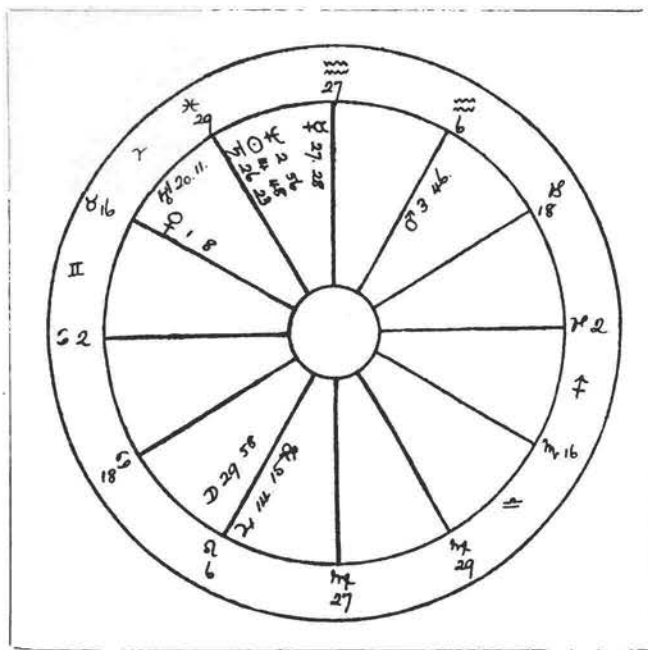
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Example Horoscope for Students.

Accidental Death.

THE case we submit for study this month is that of an unfortunate young man who was accidentally killed by the wheels of a cart passing over his body. He was born in the east of Kent on 5th March, 1849, at 11 a.m., and the tragic incident took place on the 12th October, 1866.

The right ascension of the meridian of the horoscope which is given on this page is 21h. 57m. 38s., and the beginning of Cancer rises and the Moon ruler of the horoscope is placed just entering Leo and the third house, in exact sesquisquare to the Sun, and applying to the opposition of Mars and square of Venus. The Sun is in semisquare to both Mars and Venus, and approaching Saturn. The astral indications of the untimely death and its cause are shown by the opposition of Mars to the Moon, the malefic planet being in elevation. The Moon in the third house shows that there would be danger in short journeys, and it was on such a journey that the accident occurred. At the time of death we find that Mars had progressed to the exact parallel of the Moon at birth, showing the grave danger of injury, while Mars was actually in transit over the ascendant of the progressed horoscope on the day. In addition to this, the Sun was in semisquare to Mars P. and Venus P., both evil influences, accelerating the other direction mentioned. At the synodic lunation previous to the death, the Moon was in opposition to Mars P., an additional factor in the evil.



As an illustration of calculating directions, and an example for students we give the working out of these directions. The native's age at death was 17 years, 7 months and 7 days, equal to 17d. 14h. 28m., and th s added to the hour of birth brings us to 22nd March, 13h. 28m. The Moon's declination at birth was 16. 43. N., and at the date and time of the progress the declination of Mars was 16. 48 S., showing that the direction of Moon R. par Mars P. was almost exact.

Now if to the right ascension of the midheaven as given at the beginning of the second paragraph, we add 1h. 9m, 14s. the progress for the age at death, we shall have 23h. 6m. 52s., which gives the 16th degree of Cancer on the ascendant, and on the day of death Mars was transitting this particular degree.

At the new Moon previous to birth the luminaries were in opposition to Uranus, while at the synodic lunation before death, the Moon was in 13 degrees of Aquarius, in square to Mars B.

THE truth and accuracy of Astrology can never be proved by argument nor can the existence of natural laws; nor can certain scientific laws be wholly explained until in all these cases we use continuous observation, and thus establish confidence by like results from similar causes. If two or more phenomena under the same conditions constantly occur, there must be a reason why, and a sequence that the causes are in some way related. The principles of fire and life insurance cause rates, based upon observations gathered in a term of years.

Religion and astrology are not antagonistic. One is based upon faith; the other upon reason and facts. Religion is a fact. Astrology, rightly used, begets faith in law.

Geocentric astrology has the earth as the centre. The longitudes are viewed from the earth. Heliocentric astrology has the Sun as the centre; the longitude as seen from the Sun.

Directions are arcs showing the future iufluences. An arc is the distance between any two points in the heavens. Primary directions—the arcs formed by the Sun to the radical places of the Moon and planets as primary. Secondary directions are aspects or distances formed by Sun, Moon and planets, between themselves, reckoning each day as a year of life.

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A Delphian Oracle.*

A Curious and Interesting Method of Foreknowledge.

By T. S. EYRE.

OUR readers, we are quite sure, will be interested in a system of prediction which needs no study, its application may be tested by all who are curious to know the outcome of any event.

Pythagoras has said that "the world is built on the power of numbers," however true this statement may be, we are not here prepared to prove, our object is to show a method that will amuse those whose minds have a leaning towards the occult forces that play upon our daily lives and actions.

The following is a method of Kabalistic Astrology and is based upon the power of names and numbers.

There is something occult in names.

Therefore the required data is the real, full, and perfect name of the Person, Place, or Thing.

As every name is composed of letters, those letters have a certain numerical value.

The following table shows the numerical value of the English Alphabet :

A equals 1	B equals 2	L equals 3
I ,, 1	C ,, 2	S ,, 3
J ,, 1	K ,, 2	G ,, 3
Q ,, 1	R ,, 2	
Y ,, 1		
D equals 4	E equals 5	U equals 6
M ,, 4	N ,, 5	V ,, 6
T ,, 4		W ,, 6
		X ,, 6
O equals 7	F equals 8	
Z ,, 7	H ,, 8	
	P ,, 8	

The days of the week are said to possess the following numerical value :

Saturday	equals 27
Thursday	,, 9
Tuesday	,, 21
Sunday	,, 49
Friday	,, 63
Wednesday	,, 27
Monday	,, 81

The ruling planets possess the following value :

Saturn	equals 729
Jupiter	,, 343
Mars	,, 81
Sun	,, 63
Venus	,, 49
Mercury	,, 21
Moon	,, 7

The following numbers are said to be fortunates : 0, 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21, 24.

To illustrate this method to fore-knowledge we will take the West Hull By-Election, November 29th, 1907—Polling Booths opened at 8 o'clock a.m. (See "Our Days and Hours" as advertised in another place). The names of candidates were :—

George Christopher Trout Bartley
357235 28213478852 42764 2124351 + = 119.
Guy Greville Wilson
316 32561305 613375 + = 63.
James Holmes
11453 873453 + = 44.
West Hull
6534 8633 + = 38.
Friday = 63
Venus Hour = 49.

George Christopher Trout Bartley =	119
West Hull ... ... =	38
Friday ... ... =	63
Venus ... ... =	49
Total	269

The rule is now to divide the total addition by 27.

27)269(9
243
26 Ans. unlucky.

Guy Greville Wilson =	63
West Hull ... =	38
Friday ... =	63
Venus ... =	49

27)213(7
189
24 Fortunate.

James Holmes =	44
West Hull ... =	38
Friday ... =	63
Venus ... =	49

27)195(7
189
5 Unlucky.

The result of the polling was as follows :

Wilson 5,623.
Bartley 5,312.
Holmes 4,512.

We will now illustrate the method in another way I am asked, will the United States of America and Japan agree in their diplomatic relations without coming to war ?

Thursday, December 19th, 1907—9.15 o'clock p.m.

United States of America
651454 341453 75 1452121 + = 73.

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Japan
11815 + = 16.
Thursday = 9.
Mars Hour = 81.
United States of America = 73
Japan ... ... = 16
Thursday ... ... = 9
Mars Hour ... = 81

27)179(6
162

17 Unlucky.

Another way in which a question may be asked.
T. S. E. inquires if he will marry H. A. L. (The initials represent the christian and surname of the gentleman and lady). The day is Monday and the Hour is that of the Moon.

T. S. E. ... ... = 78
H. A. L. ... ... = 74
Monday ... ... = 81
Moon ... ... = 7

27)240(8
216

24 Fortunate.

The remainder is the answer, and if a fortunate number the answer is in the affirmative; if unlucky, then the answer must be in the negative.

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NOTE. Mr. Wilde has submitted for inspection a vast number of testimonies to his skill as an Astrologer. We vouch for their being genuine, and submit a few.

J. E. McK. writes: "Horoscope received. I think it wonderful, and wish I had known you years ago, for I might have been spared a lot."

F. W. L. writes: "The horoscope is startlingly correct, both as regards character and events, and your advice is in exact accord with what experience has taught me."

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Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure.

1	29 ♍ 2	Good for correspondence and visiting in the morning only.
2	14 ♒ 17	After 12 noon, make new plans travel and make purchases.
3	29 29	Good for correspondence and business all day.
4	14 ♓ 28	Travel, visit friends, entertain and enjoy all things.
5	29 6	Pay calls from 10 to 12, keep quiet later.
6	13 ♈ 17	Ask favours between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
7	26 59	An unfavourable day for all purposes.
8	10 ♉ 13	Attend to correspondence in the morning, rest in the afternoon.
9	23 2	The morning is quiet. The afternoon and evening are good.
10	5 ♊ 29	A doubtful day, be careful of disappointments.
11	17 39	Good for asking favours and doing active work after 6 p.m.
12	29 ♊ 37	An evil day for all purposes generally.
13	11 ♋ 27	Attend to new plans and correspondence before 1 p.m.
14	23 15	Deal with elderly people in the evening, beware of being imposed upon.
15	5 ♌ 2	A magnificent day for social functions, and love affairs.
16	16 52	A very quiet day, do nothing important.
17	28 47	Avoid superiors, keep quiet and give offence to no one.
18	10 ♍ 48	A doubtful day, keep quiet generally.
19	22 57	Avoid superiors and elderly people, and safeguard the health.
20	5 ♎ 15	Attend to social duties in the midday.
21	17 44	An evil day for all things. Avoid worry.
22	0 ♏ 25	Avoid quarrels in the morning, ask favours in the evening.
23	13 20	Correspond morning, act quietly afternoon, travel early evening.
24	26 31	Deal with elderly people in the morning.
25	10 ♐ 1	Favourable for social affairs and entertainments.
26	23 51	A very evil day for all things generally.
27	8 ♑ 3	Ask favours and attend to correspondence before six p.m., after that remain quiet.
28	22 35	Evil until after 7 p.m., then attend to serious matters.
29	7 ♒ 25	Good for social matters and correspondence.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

IV.—William Lilly.

LEAVING now the older astrologers and their works we will now turn to more recent times. From the time of Ptolemy to that of which we shall now speak there are many others we might mention, such as Messahala, Albategnius, Haly, Cardan, Placidus, Regiomontanus, and many others, but these we must pass with the mere mention of their names. In our own country we find Drs. Mead and Blagrave, Sir Elias Ashmole, the founder of the Ashmolean Museum, Ramsay, Goad, Partridge, Lilly, Coley, Sibley. Dr. John Butler, Rector of Litchborough, is another votary of the science, he having taken it up for the purpose of refuting it, but failed in his attempt, and became instead a strong believer in it.

Of these we cannot spare much space, except with regard to William Lilly. He deserves particular notice, not only for his ingenuity and skill in the science, but also because since the time of Hudibras it has been customary to select this man as a special target for the arrows of prejudice and bigotry discharged from the bows of opponents.

William Lilly was born at Diseworth, in Derbyshire, on the first day of May, 1602. In 1620 he came to London, and lived as a servant in a gentleman's family for some years, his father being in prison for debt. In the year 1627 he was made free of the Salters' company, and in the month of September, that year, he acquired some property by a marriage with the widow of this master. This lady died in the year 1633.

Lilly began to study astrology in 1632, and in 1639 he wrote a treatise on the eclipse of the Sun of May 22nd of that year. We are told that he carried the art of sidereal influx to such a height, and the temper of the time favouring the celestial science, no material step was taken without first consulting him. In 1644 he published "Merlinus Anglicus, junr.," the "Supernatural Sight," and the "White King's Prophecy," works which contributed much to his fame during the distracted times of Charles I.

While the King was at Hampton Court, about July, 1647, he was consulted whither his Majesty might retire for safety; and, in 1648, he was consulted for the same purpose while the King was at Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight. The same year he published his "Treatise of the Three Suns," seen the preceding winter, and also an astrological judgment upon a conjunction of Saturn and Mars. This year the Council of State gave him in money fifty pounds, and a pension of an hundred pounds per annum. In 1648-9, he publicly read and explained the first part of his Christian Astrology for the improvement of the young students in that science.

In the year 1651 Lilly brought forward his "Monarchy or no Monarchy," a work containing several hieroglyphics of a remarkable nature. In this work he predicted the Great Plague and Fire of London by two hieroglyphics. And doubtless he made his predictions by the fixed stars, for he says, "the asterisms and signs and constellations give greatest light thereunto."

During the siege of Colchester he and John Booker were sent for to encourage the soldiers, assuring them that the town would soon be taken, and indeed it was. In 1652, he published his "Annus Tenebrosus." In his almanack for the next year he asserted that the Parliament stood upon a tottering foundation; upon which he was confined for thirteen days. In 1654 he had a dispute with the learned Mr. Cataker, who, in his annotations on Jeremiah x. 2, had reflected on Mr. Lilly. In 1855, he was indicted at Hick's Hall for giving Judgment upon stolen goods, but was acquitted. In 1659 Captain Cox brought him, from the King of Sweden, a gold chain and a medal, worth about fifty pounds, on account of Lilly having mentioned that king with respect in his almanack of 1657. In June, 1660, he was taken into custody by order of the Parliament, by whom he was examined concerning the person who cut off the head of King Charles I. The same year he sued out his pardon under the Great Seal of England. The plague raging in London he removed with his family to his estate at Hersham, and in October, 1666, was examined before a Committee of the House of Commons concerning the fire of London, which happened in September that year.

"In 1666 happened," says Lilly, "that miraculous conflagration in the city of London, whereby, in four days, the most part thereof was consumed by fire." He then proceeds to give the following account before the House of Commons by summons.

Monday, 22nd Oct., 1666.

"At the Commons appointed to inquire into the causes of the late fire."

"Ordered."

"That Mr. Lilly attend this Committee on Friday next, being the 25th day of October, 1666, at two of the clock in the afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber, to answer such questions as shall be then and there asked him." "ROBERT BROOKE."

Lilly attended, when Sir Robert spoke to this purpose.—

"Mr. Lilly, the Committee thought fit to summons you to appear before them this day, to know if you can say anything as to the cause of the late fire, or whether there might be any design therein. You are called the rather hither, because in a book of yours long since printed you hinted some such thing by one of your hieroglyphics."

Unto which I replied:—

"May it please your honors, after the beheading of the late King, considering that in the three subsequent years the Parliament acted nothing which concerned the settlement of the nation's peace; and seeing the generality of the people dissatisfied, the citizens of London discontented, the soldiers prone

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to mutiny, I was desirous, according to the best knowledge God has given me, to make inquiry by the Art I study, what might, from that time, happen unto the Parliament and the nation in general. At lest having satisfied myself as well as I could, and perfected my judgment therein. I thought it most convenient to signify my intentions and conceptions thereof in forms, shapes, types, hieroglyphics, etc. without any commentary. that so my judgment might be concealed from the vulgar, and made manifest unto the wise, therein imitating the example of many wise philosophers who had done the like. Having found, Sir, that the city of London should be sadly afflicted with a great plague, and not long after with an exorbitant fire, I framed these two heiroglyphics, as represented in this book, which in effect have proved true."

"Did you foresee the year?" said one.

"I did not," said I, "or was desirous; of that I made no scrutiny."

I now proceeded:

"Now, Sir, whether there was any design in the burning of the city, or any employed for that purpose, I must deal ingenuously with you; that since the fire I have taken much pains in the search thereof, but cannot, or could not, give myself any the least satisfaction herein. I conclude that it was the finger of God only; but what instruments he used thereunto I am ignorant."

The Committee seemed well pleased with what I spoke, and dismissed me with great civility.

He died on the 9th June, 1681, of a dead palsy, and lies buried in the church of the adjacent village of Walton. A marble stone, placed over his mortal remains by his friend, Sir Elias Ashmole, marks his place of sepulture.

"The abode and earthly resting place of an English worthy—who dared, regardless of ridicule and scorn, to benefit posterity and his country," by putting forth what he believed to be truth, when persecution was not confined simply to treadmill exercise and prison diet—were chosen happily in a country, the soil of which for ages past has been consecrated to Liberty.

Yes. Within view of the stately Tower of St. George, and the green meadows of Runnymede—in the vicinity of St. Ann's Hill and the plains of Cobham – the intellectual rambler, partial to retrospection, while journeying to Cockney land from the ruins of Waverley or Newark (saintly memorials of a wife killing monarch), may wisely pause for a few minutes at the grave of this "Accomplished imposter and knavish fortune teller. *Requiescat in pace.*

His last publication was his "Guide to Astrologers," translated from the Latin of Guido Bonatus: a good book; but his principal work is the "Christian Astrology," a book, than which there is not a better upon the subject of horary Astrology in the English language. After his retirement to Hersham he applied himself to the study of physic, and by means of his friend, Mr. Ashmole, obtained from Archbishop Sheldon a license for the practice of it. A little before his death he adopted for his son, by the name of Merlin Junior, one Henry Coley, and at the same time gave him the impression of his almanac after it had been printed for thirty-six years.

WHAT ASTROLOGY CAN AND CANNOT DO.

It points out helps and warns from dangers.

It is not fate but helps the will. It does not say that you must and shall do a thing, but that you may do, and by so doing be greatly benefited.

It discusses love and partners, whom you should marry, and when, if at all.

It treats fully upon health, and locates diseases and how to cure diseases.

It discusses business, showing what a man is fitted for, and when he can make money. It shows some light on stocks and how to handle them.

It deals in politics, and shows when to be successful.

It is helpful in choosing a trade or profession.

Parents can be aided in bringing up children by knowing their temperament and capacities.

The probable length of life is also discussed.

When to travel. How to avoid accidents. How to avoid enemies and their bad influences. How to make friends and to keep them. These are only samples from a wide range of possibilities.

Some people think that astrology will show exact fluctuations of stocks. I do not, nor do I believe that any man can frame a chart that is safe to follow. Stocks vary from a variety of causes; manipulation is the greatest factor, and what man can foretell the mind of anyone—of a lot of magnates? Disaster may come to a railroad or to a mine; a crop may be short or large. In fact, the economic laws more than men govern the markets.

But astrology does here teach something. It does this; it shows plainly, first, whether a man can safely meddle with stocks; and, secondly, when, if at all, it is safe to do so.

His individual chart, not the chart of corn, wheat, sugar or oil tells the story. Some men should never speculate, others can. The reason is in the positions of planets that govern each person.

Therefore, when asked if it is safe to buy sugar, I say, "I see if it is safe for you to buy sugar. Your judgment and your days tell the story. Each case must be studied separately.

Just so with other things. There is no fast and fixed law governing all. Each man is being governed by laws that affect *him*, and upon his own responsibility and nativity must his decision and his action rest. It is not a stock-market chart, or a broker's views, but the man.

Some people think that if they consult an astrologer he is bound tell them a lot of beautiful things they will surely have. But you cannot insure wonderful results to all, or promise exemptions from trial.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

V.—The Training of Children.

ONE of the most prominent uses to which the science of astrology can be put, is in the upbringing and training of the younger generation. The author of "Coningsby" observes in regard to the "young idea," :—"We are apt to believe that the character of a boy is easily read. 'Tis a mystery the most profound. Mark what blunders parents constantly make as to the nature of their own offspring, bred, too, under their eyes, and displaying every hour their characteristics. How often in the nursery does the genius count as a dunce because he is pensive? while a rattling urchin is invested with almost unnatural qualities, because his animal spirits make him impudent and flippant.

The school boy, above all others, is not the simple being the world imagines. In that young bosom are often stirring passions as strong as our own, desires not the less violent, a volition not less supreme. In that young bosom what burning love, what intense ambition, what avarice, what lust of power; envy that fiends might emulate, hate that men might fear,"

Possibly some of my readers may have experienced the truth of this sentiment. The blunder is caused by modern philosophy and so-called education being absolutely unable to supply the *desideratum* of finding out accuratety the chief traits of the boy's character. So it is that error after error is committed, in blind ignorance, and still blinder folly, by those who are the guardians of the young life, but which if attention were but given to the rules of astrology, much, nay, all of the trouble experienced by many of us, in being put out into the world in occupations and professions for which we are not properly suited would be avoided. Take, for instance, Paginini. Had he attempted to excel in mathematics, poetry, metaphysics, and the like, would he have attained the celebrity which he did by devoting himself solely to music? No, he would probably not have been known beyond the city of his birth. As the natural powers of man are limited, it is better that he should do little and excel in that little, than attempt to do much and do nothing with any degree of success. Is it a small thing that a child should be trained up in a line of life for which he has but little inclination or taste, and be compelled to pass his life in obscurity, discontented and dissatisfied? Would a Shakespeare have attained the celebrity he enjoys, had he been put to some menial occupation? And similarly would not others with latent gifts of music, oratory or philosophy, have risen to high positions on the world's stage, had they not been compelled through the blunders of their parents, to take up some "respectable occupation," as a bobtailed clerk, or a white-faced counterjumper?

A writer on Astrology in the training of children, comments very strongly on the blunders which are so often made. He states :—

"But we see enough of it, Heaven knows. Augustus, probably, thinks *he* would like to be a clergyman, having Mercury pretty strong, well aspected by Jupiter; but *Mamma* will not hear of this choice: she cannot think that Gussy should be poring over musty books, and waste the best part of his days in college obscurity, followed up by rural quiescence. The lady would prefer that he should be a *soldier;* and although papa, perhaps, may have a secret consciousness that the boy is right in his own choice, still maternal influence prevails in Russell Square, and without having even a voice in the matter Master Gussy is forthwith entered for martial honors. The astral fact is that the planet Mars is weakly posited in the boy's natal figure. He does not want for courage in the strict sense of the word, but the combative quality is non-existent. After an expensive education, and infinite trouble to papa, and other governors, upon whom lies the burden of keeping him straight, Gussy probably 'sells out,' happily before an opportunity occurs of his being able to exclaim: *Dulce est pro patria mori*, and he then finds it a vexatious thing to find his way into another profession. Meanwhile, in all probability, Mamma's martial propensity has robbed the church of a worthy and learned son, perhaps a bishop."

Mr. Eli Bates, in his "Rural Philosophy," makes the following remarks :—

"The right choice of life is a subject which ought to be studied by those parents who, in the disposal of their children, are not confined within the limits of a particular profession or rank in society. Chief regard should be paid to natural genius, for though a man of ordinary capacity may by dint of application, become respectable in almost any profession, he will only excel in that to which his faculties are naturally adapted."

Thus we see how the life and future of many a child can be made or marred by the actions of its parents, but yet a knowledge of simple astrological science, the proper occupation and sphere of life of each one of us can be determined. It is not enough that a profession should be lucrative or respectable, but that it should be one in which the natural talents, disposition and bent of the mind should be considered.

Let those who read this short discourse take it well to mind, and see that in the training of their children, and in regard to their future life and work, that they be guided by the astral wisdom, and not by custom or prejudice. Many a man can look back and say, I have to thank my parents for the position of prosperity I occupy, while many another man may live to curse them as the authors of his misery and misfortune, by damning his career from the outset by placing him in a position for which he has, n all probability, neither the natural gift or in-. lination.

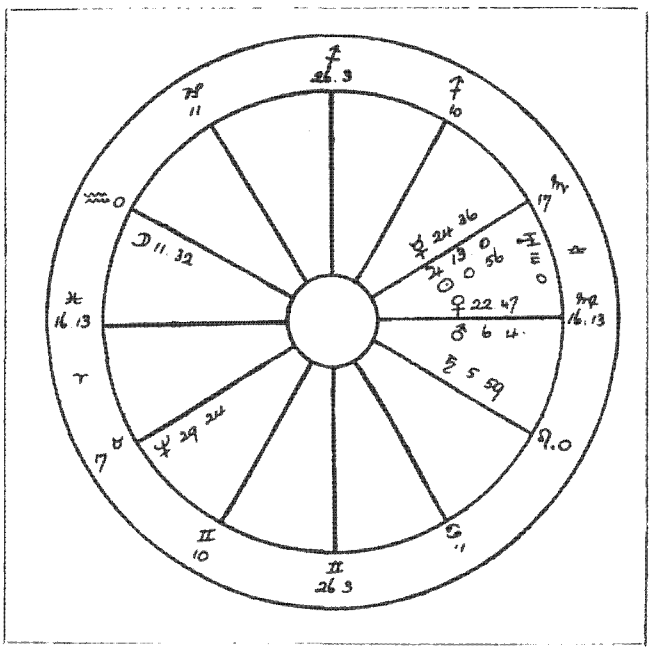
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—V.

The Queen of Spain.

ACCORDING to the official bulletin, the Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenburg, now the Queen of Spain, was born at Balmoral Castle, on the 24th October, 1887, at 3.45 p.m.—the first royal princess born in Scotland since the reign of Charles II.

The sign Pisces rises, with Jupiter the ruler placed in Scorpio in the eighth house. This gives her a kind, just and restless disposition, an active, fruitful and self-confident mind, pride and dignity, ardour, perseverance and enthusiasm. She has a strong imagination and emotional nature, is very hospitable and sociable, and able to assume the position of a Queen with a quiet, inflexible dignity which will win both esteem and popularity.



She possesses a strong internal character, reserved and dignified, very determined, with plenty of self-control and tenacity. She will have an intensity of purpose, energy and perseverance, and can control and command others. It is doubtful, however, whether her constitution will allow of very great exertion, for the Sun applies to a square of Saturn. and this planet is in the sixth house not only making drawbacks and limitations through the health, but placing much opposition to her plans through inferiors and subordinates. The mental powers are good showing plenty of tact and diplomacy ingenuity and fertility of resource, but inclining to be very positive and at times obstinate. The mind will be sharp, active and acute, bright, witty and cheerful, and the abilities much above the average. The position of Mars on the cusp of the seventh house well describes her husband, the King of Spain, who, as can be seen from his horoscope is born with Mars rising in Virgo. Now as regards the future years. We have already dealt with the directions of the King on a previous page, and it will be seen how far her directions agree with or corroborate his. At her marriage the Moon was conjoined with Venus and sextile to Saturn while Mars had reached the opposition of the ascendant, and the new Moon previous to the event fell on the radical Mars, all indicative of the actual facts that transpired on the wedding day.

Generally speaking her directions for several years ahead are variable, for although the Sun comes to the sextile of Venus, and conjunction of Mercury, in 1908-1909 it is in parallel with Neptune, and the Moon will be conjoined with the Sun and in parallel with it and Neptune in the early part

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of 1910, while 1911 the Sun will be in parallel with Saturn and the Moon in parallel with both. These are by no means favourable for health and success, as the Moon comes to the square of Mars in May, 1910; danger to the husband is denoted. A year later it forms the square of the progressed Mars, which will have arrived at the parallel of the ascendant, and this further foreshadows evil. Thus the dangers to both life and person are distinctly denoted, and the periods are those in which great care is required.

Curious Games with Cards.

By which Fortunes are told in a singular and most diverting manner.

LOVERS' HEARTS.

Four young persons, but not more, may play at this game; or three, by making a dumb hand, or sleeping partner, as at whist. Play this game exactly the same in every game, making the Queen, whom you call Venus, above the ace. The aces in this game only standing for one, and hearts must be led off by the person next the dealer. He or she who gets most tricks this way (each taking up their own and no partnership) will have most lovers, and the King and Queen of Hearts in their own hand show matrimony at hand; but woe to the unlucky ones that get no tricks at the deal, or do not hold a heart in their hand; they will be unfortunate in love, and long tarry before they marry.

MATRIMONY.

Let three, five, or seven young women stand in a circle, and draw a card out of a bag; she who gets the highest card will be married first of the company, whether she be at the present time, maid, wife, or widow; and she who has the lowest has the longest time to stay ere the sun shines on her wedding day; she who draws the ace of spades will never bear the name of wife; and she who has the nine of hearts in this trial will have one lover too many, to her sorrow.

CUPID'S PASTIME.

By this game you may amuse yourself and friends, and at the same time learn some curious particulars of your future fate; and though apparently a simple, yet it is a sure method, as several young people have acknowledged to the sibyl who first presented them with the rules.

Several may play the game, it requiring no limited number, only leaving out nine on their board, not exposed to view; each person puts a halfpenny in the pool and the dealer double. The ace of diamonds is made principal, and takes all the other aces, etc., like Pam at Loo; deuces and trays in your hand are luck; fours, a continuance in your present state; fives, trouble; sixes, profit; sevens, plague; eights, disappointments; nines, surprises; tens, settlements; knaves, sweethearts; kings and queens, friends and acquaintances; ace of spades, sad news; ace of clubs, a letter; and the ace of diamonds, with the ten of hearts, marriage.

The ace of diamonds being played first, or, if it be not cut, the dealer calls for the Queen of Hearts, which takes next; if the ace be not cut, and the Queen conquers, the person who played her will marry that year without a doubt, though it may perhaps seem unlikely at the time; but if she loses her Queen, she must wait longer; the ace and Queen being called, the rest go on in rotation, as at whist, kings taking queens, queens knaves, and so on; and the more tricks you have, the more money you get off the board on the division after each game; those who hold the nine of spades will soon have some trouble, and they are also to pay a penny to the board; but the fortunate fair one who holds the Queen and Knave of Hearts in the same hand will soon be married; or if she is already within the pale of matrimony, she will have a great rise in life by means of her husband; those who hold the ace of diamonds and Queen of Hearts, clear the money off the board, and that ends the game; it also betokens great prosperity.

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Birthday Influences during February.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄. A quiet birthday generally, gain through elderly people. A child born on this day will be serious and grave in disposition, and will gain in the employ of elderly people who will advance his interests.

2. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♒, ☌ ☉, ☍ ♃, ✶ ♂. Many changes, new enterprises, activity and energy, but heavy expenses and some loss. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, skilful and executive, but extravagant and wasteful.

3. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♒, ☌ ☿ par ☿, par ☉. An active year, gain through intellectual affairs, study and work, but some danger of many little worries and disputes. A child born on this day will be clever and popular, should gain through mental affairs and the help of superiors.

4. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, ✶ ♅, ☌ ♀. A successful year, with beneficial changes, sudden gains and romantic episodes. A child born on this day will be intuitive, romantic, and flexible, will have some psychic gift and gain through the other sex.

5. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♓, par ♂, ☌ ☿ par ♄, par ♀. An evil anniversary, danger of disputes, accidents and quarrels, gain through friends and the other sex. A child born on this day will be liable to grave errors of feeling, and should guard aginst being led away from the right path.

6. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♈, △ ♃, □ ♅, □ ♆, ✶ ☉, ☌ ♂. An eventful year, many changes of an adverse nature, family loss, but financial gain and success through superiors. A child born on this day will be rash, imprudent, and revengeful, and should always remain in employ, and act discreetly.

7. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♈, par ♂, ♄ and ♀. An unfavourable anniversary, many troubles, danger of illhealth, disputes, law, and scandal. A child born on this day should guard its morals and be careful of scandal, disgrace, and loss of honour.

8. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ☿, □ ♃, ✶ ♆. A quiet anniversary, some changes, but financial losses and domestic worry. A child born on this day will be clever and intuitive but very extravagant.

9. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♉, □ ☉, ✶ ♀, ✶ ♄. Gain through elderly people, and the other sex, but danger of loss of employment. A child born on this day should always remain in the employ of others, be careful in dealings with superiors, will gain through elders and the other sex.

10. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♃, □ ☿. Generally favorable year, social and financial success, but trouble through letters and young people. A child born on this day will rise in life, and gain both socially and financially, but should be careful in correspondence and avoid scandal.

11. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♊, △ ☉, ✶ ♂. A favorable year, material gain and advantages, enterprise and activity. A child born on this day will rise in life through enterprise, pluck and independence, and should have a successful and noted career.

12. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, □ ♄, □ ♀. An evil year, illhealth, bereavement, and trouble through elders and domestic affairs. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life, will often be in poverty, and may end his days in the workhouse.

13. THURSDAY (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♋, △ ☿, ☌ ♆, ☍ ♅. A troublesome year, some gain through employment, but troublesome changes and much anxiety. A child born on this day will be clever, original and inventive, but restless and unsettled, and may lose many opportunities thereby.

14. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♋, □ ♂, △ ♄. A doubtful anniversary, danger of disputes and litigation, but benefits through elderly people and employers. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous, often involved in trouble, but will gain in the employ of others.

15. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♌, △ ♀, ☌ ♃. A favorable year, social and financial gain, successful intercourse with the other sex, and general improvement. A child born on this day will have a splendid career in life, will have much popularity, social esteem, and will rise to a good position.

16. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♌, par ♃ A quiet birthday. Things will proceed as usual: finances may improve, but health should be guarded. A child born on this day will have a quiet uneventful career, and should always remain in the employ of others.

17. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, △ ♂, ☍ ☉. An active year, new enterprises and work, but danger of loss of employment and trouble through superiors. A child born on this day will be active and energetic, but should always work in the employ of others.

18. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♍, par ☉, ✶ ♆, par ♂, ☍ ☿, △ ♅. An eventful year, many changes, success in employ, but danger of disputes and quarrels through correspondence. A child born on this day will have an exciting career, will gain some celebrity, but should be careful of slander and avoid law.

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19. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♍, ☌ ♄. A troublesome year, danger of illhealth, and obstacles to progress. A child born on this day will have much to contend with and should always occupy an inferior position, avoid responsibility and safeguard the health.

20. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♎, par ☿, ♀ and ♄, ✶ ♃, ☌ ♀. A worrying year, with many anxieties and hindrances, disappointments through the other sex and grief. A child born on this day will have many drawbacks and disappointments in life, should never undertake responsibility and should avoid the opposite sex.

21. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus ☽ in ♎, □ ♆, □ ♅, par ♄, ♀ and ☿. An evil year, many sudden and untoward changes, family troubles, illhealth and bereavement. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life, will have little success in work and will always be poor.

22. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♏, ☌ ♂, □ ♃, △ ☉. An unsuccessful year, danger of disputes and litigation, but gain through superiors and in employment. A child born on this day should avoid law, quarrels and speculating; will do well to remain in the employ of others and be careful in money matters.

23. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♏. par ☉, △ ♆, △ ☿, ✶ ♅, par ♂. An eventful year, many changes and alterations in affairs, new friends and improvement of position, but danger of quarrels. A child born on this day will be clever, original and independent, but at times rash and headstrong.

24. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♏, △ ♄. A quiet year on the whole, new responsibilities and gain through elders, but many little worries and annoyances. A child born on this day will have a quiet career, many little drawbacks in life, but will be grave and serious in demeanour.

25. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♐, □ ☉ and ☿, △ ♃ and ♀. A chequered year, gain, losses and disappointments. Trouble through superiors and letters, but help from friends. A child born on this day will do well to remain in employ of others, and should never start on his own. Will gain through friends and the other sex.

26. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♐, □ ♄, par ♆. An unfortunate birthday, danger of illhealth and bereavement, domestic troubles and hindrances. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, will often suffer from illhealth and be a victim to plots.

27. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♑, △ ♂, ✶ ☉, ✶ ☿, ☌ ♆. An active and enterprising year, new ventures and changes, but danger of plots. Females should act discreetly. A child born on this day will be clever, energetic and full of life, will gain much success in life, but should avoid being imposed upon.

28. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ ♑, ☌ ♅, □ ♀, ✶ ♄. An untoward anniversary for females, danger of disgrace and disappointments in love, gain through elders. A child born on this day should act very discreetly with the other sex, especially if a female, will have many unexpected changes in life, but will gain through elders.

29. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♒, □ ♂, ☌ ♃. A doubtful year, new work and undertakings, but danger of disputes, law and heavy losses. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous, and though clever and sharp, will often run into danger and lose heavily by rash speculations.

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What Shall we Do with the Boys?

By ASTROLABUS.

THIS is a question which is very important and is becoming increasingly so in these days. On its answer depends to a very great extent the *happiness* of the future man. I say nothing about prosperity for the reason that I regard mere material prosperity as of very little use to the genuine man. What every man and woman wants in this world is happiness, and this depends, to a far greater extent than is commonly imagined, upon the congenial nature of his employment. And even the "idle rich" as they are sometimes called, will often find in same congenial employment that happiness and content of mind as well as freedom from ennui which too often, alas, flees from them in their never-ceasing pursuit of mere pleasure as such. Louis of France would have been happier as a clocksmith than as king, and there are unfortunately too many instances such as his life affords to be found in history.

But we need not search for cases in exalted stations, albeit there is no difficulty in finding them. Every one of our readers will doubtless be able to think of some square peg in a round hole, or round peg in a square hole, among their circle of acquaintances. But not only is the happiness of such an one greatly diminished and sometimes even destroyed; his or her prosperity becomes greatly endangered. Such a subject may by will power and force of character make a living but the doing so will be no pleasure and they will always be wishing that they had taken up this or that other calling.

How necessary it is then to make a wise selection.

In this as in other matters closely affecting human life, astrology stands out pre-eminently as the best of all guides.

It will not only indicate the nature of the employment to be followed, but will also show—if two or more employments be indicated as possible—that which is likely to afford most success. In addition to that it will tell the inquirer where to go; that is in what part of the world to exert his efforts so that they may be crowned with success.

Mr. A. Pearce, better known as Zadkiel, cites a case in which a Scotch gentleman made a fortune in the Antipodes but lost it on returning to Scotland. He went back and made another, but on coming back to Scotland he lost this also. He then went to the Antipodes and made a third. This time he would not tempt fortune further but stayed there and enjoyed what he had got.

For the profession of law Mercury and Jupiter should be strong and in good aspect to each other both being unafflicted. Saturn's good aspect will assist.

For medicine Jupiter should be strong and well aspected by the Sun, Moon and Mercury. For surgery Mars should be similarly placed, as also for the army. As regards the navy Mars should be placed in a watery sign, other conditions being as above.

Lord Nelson was born with Mars in Scorpio.

Mars in Scorpio favourably aspected is also good for chemistry.

To enumerate all the positions relating to employment would require more space than the Editor would care to place at my disposal.

The moral of it is, however, easy. If you have a boy and don't know what to make of him, consult your Astrologer.

ASTROLABUS,

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Book Reviews.

All Books sent for Review will be noticed.

ELEMENTS OF ASTROLOGY. 10s. 6d. Ray Broughton.

The principles and rules of the science are arranged here in paragraphs and numbered, and referred to in nativities so that the student can prove the truth of the science, as in the study of arithmetic, when he calculates each example for himself. The work bears chiefly on "Nativities." It also contains a number of rules called "Elections," which any person having a slight knowledge of the science can apply in every day practice, choosing fortunate times for commencing any undertaking to attain success.

Tables of fortunate and unfortunate planetary hours are also given, which any person without a knowledge af Astrology can apply in everyday business.

The author has devoted fifty-two years to the investigation, study and practice of Astrology, and has had more experience than many living astrologers. He has endeavoured to make Astrology so plain that a person having a common school education may be able to study the science, apply it in practice, and satisfy himself of its truth.

Numerous subjects are treated, but special attention is called to a short history of the science, extending as far back as we have any record.

A history of Astrology by its enemies is also given, which goes far towards proving the truth of the science.

The author shows by the late discoveries in electricity, mesmerism, the X-rays, etc., that the subtle influences discovered in these new sciences, go far to prove a solid foundation for the truth of Astrology.

The history of marked events corresponding to the Revolution of the planet Uranus around the heavens, and especially when transiting through the sign Gemini, ought to convince any sceptic of the truth of the science, as that planet is afflicting the ruling sign of the United States by opposition.

The successful predictions relating to the candidates in elections for over thirty years, which have been published in the newspapers, long before the elections, must strike the reader as remarkable coincidences.

Astrology explains why some people are happy in this world, and some miserable; why some become prominent in life, and others remain in obscurity.

In the horoscopes are given rules for calculating Revolutions and Secondary Directions, and an easy way of calculating what are termed "Primary Directions," "Transits," etc.

In conclusion, the student will find in his own experience that there is more real happiness in the study of Astrology than any other science of which he has any knowledge, as it assists us to rather "bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of."

The Revised Edition, can be obtained at OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER Office, or it will be sent post paid, to any address, on receipt of 10/6.

Books Received.

FORECAST. Winter issue, 6d. Sepharial's Quarterly.

DR. SIMMONITE'S Arcana of Astrology, part II, 1s. 3d.

DR. SIMMONITE'S Daily Guide for Birthday Revolutions, 1s.

YESTERDAYS. By Henry Cloriston, Verse and Prose. 1s. net.

TASSO'S LATER WORK. By same author, 1s. net. From Postal Literary Alliance.

THE KEY TO YOUR STAR COURSES. By George Wilde, 2s. 6d., THE MESSENGER Office.

THE COMPLETE HERBALIST, or Every Man's own Physician, 5s. This is an ideal treatise on Nature's own way of curing disease. I think all readers will agree with me that the old-fashioned sensible Herb infusions are satisfactory, cheap and reliable.

Answers to Correspondents

B. NANKIVELL.—We should consider Jupiter in Pres. Roosevelt's horoscope to be in the seventh house. The time of birth is only approximate, but in any case should certainly give the planet a seventh house and angular position. The 5° orb of the cusps is used in a too hard and fast manner. It is best to allow one third between two cusps as the orb. Certainly Jupiter is in his detriment, but we do not consider that the terms retrograde and cadent has very much signification in Natal astrology. There is too much mixing up of mundane rules with nativities, and it leads to many mistakes.

D. WRIGHT.—The time when four planetary aspects are good can be ascertained from the Aspectarian in Raphael's Ephemeris for the year. But it will be necessary for the aspects to be between planets connected with the nature of the talisman you wish to make. We should suggest your applying to an astrologer for assistance.

SOLARIEN.—Our correspondent is quite at sea in her reading of page 24 of the November number. The position of the planets Jupiter and Mars refer to the figure erected for the opposition, and not to the figure relating to the previous new moon. The matters relating to the new moon, full moon and wane, are subjects which are dealt with in all astrological works. The position of Jupiter can be found from the Ephemeris. We rather fancy our correspondent is asking too much. There seem to be some very good-natured students of astrology who appear to think that the publishers of Astrological magazines are making their "pile," and that the magazines might be given away. Solarien's ideas of a Sale and Exchange column are good, but some practical foundation must be made to work it on. There is no comparison whatever between the Editor of an astrological magazine and a cab proprietor. Please don't, Solarien.

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Mr. Stead and the Astrologer.

MR. Stead, writing in *The Daily Chronicle* on January 7th, with reference to *The Times* and Mr. Pearson, says: "In the year 1895 I had his horoscope cast by Mr. George Wilde, the astrologer, who knew nothing of the subject excepting his sex, his birth-date, and birthplace. Mr. Pearson was then only 29. He will be 42 next month. His birthplace was not known, and his birth-date appeared in no directory or 'Who's Who.' Mr. Wilde made a very astonishing series of good hits. There were some misses, but he spotted Mr. Pearson as a man whose horoscope portrayed literary employment, or as a printer, bookseller, publisher, and journalist. Positions of trust were in store for him, honours, etc. 'A more than local fame and distinction are indicated, and he is destined to be much in evidence, much before the public, at some time of his life.' Also 'considerable financial success and lucrative positions are indicated, prosperity, the accumulation of money, and the acquisition of estate and riches.'

"What manner of man is this Pearson whom Printing House Square delighted to honour? Again let me quote from the Astrologer. Mr. Wilde says of Mr. Pearson:

"'A quick, active, generous person, studious, contemplative, highly ingenius and inventive, possessing finesse, originality of thought, rapid sequence of ideas, penetrating, opinionative, independent, candid, truthful, proud, slightly eccentric, sociable, pleasing, courteous, judicious, kind-hearted, in fact excessively good-natured, much appreciated and respected by others, versatile in mind, lacking tenacity of purpose.'

"Lest any reader may distrust the reading of the character of Mr. Pearson as written in the stars, I will add Mr. Pearson's own note upon this delineation. He wrote me:

"'I cannot pretend to be a judge of all this. Those who know me well say it is pretty true.'"

We call our readers' attention to Mr. Wilde's book, "Key to Your Star Courses and Success." By referring to the star courses in Mr. Pearson's horoscope at age 42, coinciding exactly with his present appointment as managing director of *The Times*, he has the following aspects of Promittors: Sun Quintile, Mars and Sun quintile Uranus, also Mercury Conjunction Venus.

The Lunar aspects of Promittors are Moon sextile Sun Radix and Moon sextile Venus. We refer to the Key Numbers and here they are:—Page 11, paragraph 6, and page 12, paragraph 10; the latter reads as follows:—Sometimes it brings promotion, influential positions and power. Whilst page 33, paragraph 6, reads:—New enterprises and increase of business. The Book clearly prognosticates Mr. Pearson's latest advancement.

AN intercepted sign lies between the cusps of two houses.

The Zodiac is an imaginary band around the heavens which is the pathway of the heavenly bodies.

A planet is more powerful in its influence when applying or approaching another than when separating from a planet.

Before many years we shall take into account the influence of the mysterious planet Vulcan. It is quite certain that this far-away planet is exercising much power in the weather; and when modern telescopes and calculations show its exact revolutions, the result will be as interesting and valuable as has been the case with Neptune and Uranus.

The white lines which cross the finger-nails, particularly the thumb-nails, are signs of disturbances in the organism at the time they were formed. A German scientist's observation is that forty-six per cent. of the criminals have these lines, forty-three per cent. of idiots, and fifty per cent. of lunatics.

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TEA AND COFFEE CUP FORTUNE TELLER.

TO POUR OUT THE TEA OR COFFEE GROUNDS.

POUR the grounds of coffee or tea into a white cup, shake them well about in it, so that their particles may cover the surface of the whole cup; then reverse it into the saucer, that all the superfluous parts may be drained, and the figures required for fortune-telling be formed.

The person that acts the fortune-teller must always bend his thoughts upon him or her that wish to have their fortune told, and upon their rank and profession, in order to give plausibility to their predictions. It is not to be expected upon taking up the cup, that the figures will be as accurately represented as they are in the pack, and it is quite sufficient if they bear some resemblance to any of the after-mentioned emblems; and the more fertile the fancy shall be of the person that inspects the cnp, the more he will discover in it.

In other respects, every one who takes a pleasure in the amusement must himself be a judge, under what circumstances he is to make changes in point of time, speaking just as it suits, in the present, the past, or the future; in the same manner, their ingenuity ought to direct them when to speak more or less pointedly and determinately with regard to sex.

THE ROADS

Or separate lines, indicate ways; if they are covered with clouds, and consequently in the thick, they are said to be infallible marks either of many past or future reverses. But if they appear in the clear and serene, are the surest token of some fortunate change near at hand; encompassed with many points or dots, they signify an accidental gain of money and long life.

THE RING

Signifies marriage; if a letter is near it, it denotes to the person that has their fortune told, the initial of the name of the party to be married. If the ring is in the clear, it portends happy and lucrative friendship; if surrounded with clouds, the contrary. But if the ring appears at the bottom of the cup, it forebodes an entire separation from beloved object.

THE LEAF OF CLOVER

Is, as well here as in common life, a lucky sign. Its different position in the cup alone makes the difference; because, if it is on the top, it shows that the good fortune is not far distant; but it is subject to delay if it is in the middle, or at the bottom. Should clouds surround it, it shows that many disagreeables will attend the good fortune; in the clear it pronosticates serene and undisturbed happiness.

THE ANCHOR

The emblem of hope and commerce, implies successful business carried on by water and by land, if on the bottom of the cup; at the top and in the clear part, it shows constant love and unshaken fidelity; but in the thick and cloudy parts it denotes inconstancy.

THE SERPENT

Always the emblem of falsehood and enmity, is likewise here a general sign of an enemy. On the top or in the middle of the cup, it promises to the consulting party the triumph which he desires over his enemy. But he will not obtain it so easily if the serpent be in the thick or cloudy part.

THE LETTER

Signifies both pleasant and unpleasant views; if this emblem is in the clear part it denotes the speedy arrival of welcome news; surrounded with dots, it announces the arrival of a remittance in money; but hemmed in by clouds, it forebodes some melancholy or bad tidings, a loss or some other accident. If it be in the clear, and accompanied by a heart, lovers may expect a favourable letter; but in the thick it denotes a refusal.

THE COFFIN

The emblem of death, pronosticates the same thing here, or at least a long and tedious illness, if it be in the thick or turbid. In the clear, it denotes long life; if in the thick, at the top of the cup, it signifies a considerable estate left to the party by some relation.

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OLD MOORE'S Monthly Messenger

A Forecast of the World's Fate and Fortune.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

The Vernal Equinox.

The Sun's entry into the sign Aries takes place at 27 minutes past 12 on the midnight of March 20th, or to be more correct, at 0.27 a.m. on the 21st of the month. At that time the sign Sagittarius will be rising, and the solar orb will be close to the cusp of the fourth house, and within 11′ of exact conjunction with Saturn. Jupiter, the ruler of the figure, is in Leo in the eighth house in square to the Moon in the eleventh, while the second house is evilly tenanted, Uranus being therein in opposition to Neptune. The ingress taking place in the fourth in almost exact conjunction with Saturn, points to a cold and inclement Spring, much evil and wretchedness in the land, discontent among the people, and an outcry against the Government and ruling powers. The conjunction is ominous for the King, and Royalty, and there will be a strong opposition against the Government, but not actual defeat of the ministry. Uranus in the second is evil for the revenue, which will not be so expansive, and the Budget may be unsatisfactory in some respects. Mercury in the third in trine to the Moon is good for railways, postal service, literature and publishing, while it is probable that an Act affecting either of these matters will be brought into Parliament. The conjunction of Venus and Mars is not good for the younger generation, and the moral condition of the people will be in a low state. Throat troubles and diphtheria will be very prevalent during the Spring. Foreign affairs will be better, and some treaty or agreement may occur, possibly to do with postal affairs. Neptune in the eighth points to many strange deaths, suicides and drowning, while the socialistic element will still be disseminating its doctrines abroad. Jupiter in the eighth denotes the death of some noted cleric or lawyer, and being in square to the Moon in the eleventh denotes a determined opposition of the Lords against the measures and dealings of the Commons. Many deaths will occur in parliamentary circles, and there will be angry disputes over religious matters, and a probable attempt at Disestablishment.

America.

At Washington the ingress takes place in the sixth house, pointing to much illness and mortality among the people and accidents in the navy. Neptune on the meridian in opposition to Uranus is not good for

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the President who will find his path a thorny one, and be beset with many secret and fraudulent attacks. Seismic disturbances are threatened in the vicinity of the Capitol. At San Francisco Virgo will be rising and Mercury just setting. There will be heavy expenditure on railways. The ingress takes place on the cusp of the eighth house pointing to the deaths of many and notable people in these parts.

Japan and China.

At Tokio, the ingress takes place in the eleventh house, foreshadowing alterations in the government of the country. Neptune in the second is unfavourable for the revenue. There will be much mortality among females and the common people. At Pekin, Mars and Venus will be rising, denoting much lawlessness among the people, which is also augmented by the ingress falling on the cusp of the twelfth, showing robbery and outrages. Earthquake troubles are denoted in the eastern states of China.

Australia and Cape Town.

At Melbourne, Mercury is on the cusp of the eleventh in trine to the Moon in the seventh. This points to new treaties with other countries and a prominence given to Tariff reform. At Cape Town, Jupiter is exactly setting but in square to the Moon in the tenth. This is not good for dealings with other countries, and the Cape government may have a very stormy period to face. Trade, however, will improve.

Germany and Russia.

At Berlin, the ingress takes place in the third house, a sign of trouble in railways, a strike or accident. Educational and musical matters will engross attention, and a new musical prodigy may make an appearance. At St. Petersburg, the Moon is just past the meridian in square to Jupiter, foreshadowing the death of some important woman in the country. The trade and finances of the country will improve.

Turkey.

At Constantinople the Moon will be closer to the meridian, but Uranus will be rising and Neptune setting. This points to much unrest, double-dealing with other powers, and an unsettled quarter generally.

Earthquakes.

Four planets in fixed signs denote serious earthquakes, and our own country will not escape a shaking. At 121 E. Long. one is to be anticipated, and in France, Italy, and the south of Europe we shall hear reports of disasters and loss of life.

The Value of Labour.

MAN is never too old to work, work of some kind is beneficial, in fact, absolutely necessary to all in some form or the other. The foolish Mr. Moneybags is like the child who paid another to eat his cake for him, then pined himself to death for the want of it. Whatever our ideas upon the matter may be, does not matter a bit, we are creatures made a certain way, and consequently must work accordingly. Who does not know Mr. Somebody, who worked hard, was happy and healthy, retired and died. Thousands have. We are creatures of progress, stop that progress and the wheels of progress come along and crush us. Cease working, be idle, and you must either die or degenerate. If you have money and you have had enough of business, have a go at making yourself happy and healthy. It can be done, but you must take the right road, not the wrong one, use the thinking machine, don't mistake excitement for happiness or contentment either. Contentment is the normal state of every living thing that knows of no happiness. To be content as we now are, life would be contented with sorrow, misery, and injustice. Happiness is to be healthy, virtuous, unselfish, free from care, trust in God, and no man can get it otherwise, so try it. Hard work never kills, but hurry and worry kills millions.

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Astronomical Phenomena
FOR MARCH, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	2nd	...	6h. 57m. aft.
First Quarter,	9th	...	9h. 42m. aft.
Full Moon,	18th	...	2h. 28m. morn.
Last Quarter,	25th	...	0h. 32m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY is retrograde in ♓, becomes a morning star at the end of the month; well situated for observation.

VENUS is still well placed for observation, enters ♉ on the 10th, and at the end of the month sets at 10.51 p.m., or more than four hours after the Sun.

MARS is in Taurus all the month; near ☿ on the 31st.

JUPITER is still in ♌ all the month, stationary on 30th.

SATURN is in ♓ until the 19th, then enters ♈, is in conjunction with the Sun on the 21st.

NEPTUNE and URANUS are in ♎ and ♍ respectively.

The Sun enters Aries on March 21st at 0.27 a.m.

The Weather.

The month opens dull and foggy, changeable to the 4th, windy and wet to the 7th, very variable, and cold to the 15th. Heavy gales about 19th to 23rd. Finer and warmer with north winds towards the close.

TO CLEAN varnished paint take the tea-leaves which have been left in the teapot, pour some hot water over them, and let them stand ten minutes. Then pour the tea into a basin. Wash the paint with a clean flannel, and then dry with a clean cloth.

Crystal Gazing as a Pastime.

MANY people see "pictures" in the crystal of great personal interest and importance. The visions seem to be in the crystal itself, but the scientific explanation is that the peculiar effect upon the optic nerve provokes to activity some latent clairvoyant function of the brain, which may have been extensively used by primeval man.

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Crystal Gazing is a practice traced back to the Ancients, but only the modern movement of psychical research has brought to light its scientific side and made it popular. The noted investigator, Andrew Lang, and others, have created a more than usual interest in Crystal Gazing by recent magazine articles, commenting on its peculiarities and recommending its pursuit.

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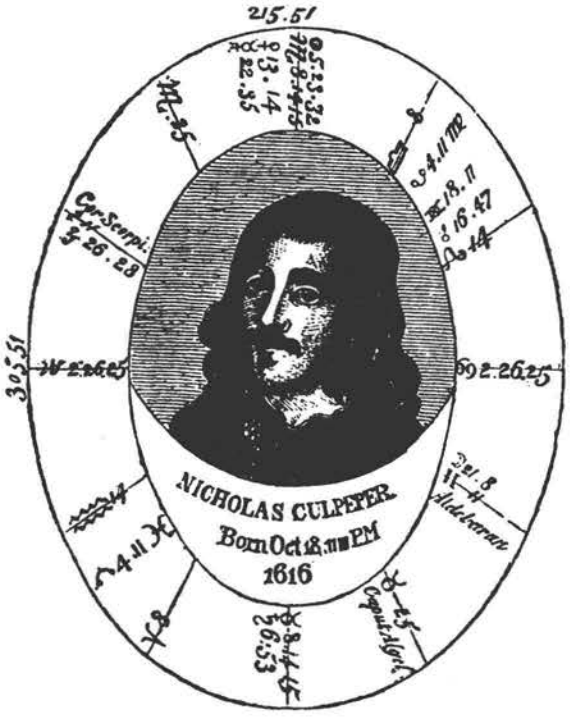
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Medical Astrology.

WE HAVE been requested by several subscribers to give an article on Astrology and Medicine, but as nothing better has been written than the "Grand Old Culpepper" we have not much to say.



Culpepper was born in London at the time the above horoscope informs us. He was educated for, and brought up to, the profession of medicine, which he followed during the most of his lifetime. He was a man of the middle stature, rather spare, of a bilio-nervous temperament. He was temperate in disposition, a patron of ingenuity, sharp, witty, active, and satirical. He was very eloquent and a good orator. The whole of his successful life was guided by Astrology, and his "Herbal" is a lasting record of his researches into the astrological governments and virtues of herbs. No other work has, or ever will, replace this, and we feel that he has written the last word on Medical Astrology. His other medical work, "Every Man's Own Doctor," touches where "The Herbal" does not cover, and explains fully



Ram, Aries, the head; Bull, Taurus, neck; Twins, Gemini, arms; Crab, Cancer, breast; Lion, Leo, heart; Virgin, Virgo, bowels; Balance, Libra, reins; Scorpion, Scorpio, loins; Archer, Sagittarius, thighs; Goat, Capricornus, knees; Waterman, Aquarius, legs; Fishes, Pisces, the feet

the human body and how to treat it for perfect health. We give the above illustration showing the planetary influences of the various parts of the body, and we will in future articles touch on allied matters of interest in this direction.

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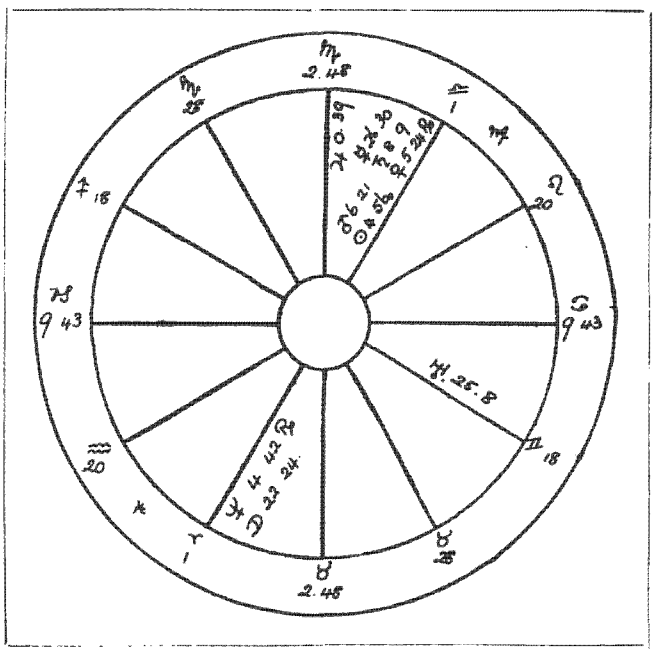
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

VI.—The King of Portugal.

HIS Majesty Dom Carlos I., King of Portugal, was born at Lisbon, at 1.35 p.m., on 28th September, 1863, when the tenth degree of the sign Capricorn was rising.

The peculiarity of the horoscope will be at once noted by the satellitum of planets in the ninth house, the Sun, Venus, Mars and Saturn being conjoined. His Majesty is a clever artist and sculptor, a musician, a capable linguist—being a master of several languages—and in addition is a clever allround sportsman. This position of the planets in the ninth house is the astrological signification of these abilities. Though Mars and Saturn are conjoined, the evil is very considerably lessened by the solar conjunction with Venus, and by the fact that the martial element is weak and much toned down by the exaltation of Saturn. Still, it is likely to make him very passionate at times, inclined to be rash and adventurous, and will tend to make him unsuccessful in foreign matters or in the opening up of colonies to his kingdom, as well as denoting a violent death.



The sign Capricorn rising will give him an ambitious, persevering and persistent nature, capable of tremendous effort in the attainment of his purposes. He is tactful, cautious and prudent, good at management and organisation, and a capable leader. His individuality is refined, impartial, just, agreeable and amiable, with much kindness, and can see both sides of the question impartially. In his personality he is more aggressive and independent, shrewd and observant, somewhat hasty, and insists upon having his own way at all costs. He will do much to foster science, art, music and such like things in his kingdom, and, with his own exceptional abilities in these directions, will set an example to his people.

He is essentially a just man, though possibly high-handed at times, but his actions will generally be tempered with impartiality and a desire to do his duty, though perhaps it may be necessary to adopt stringent methods at times.

It is significant to note that he ascended the throne at the age of 26, when the Sun was conjoined with Jupiter in the midheaven of his horoscope. His marriage with the daughter of the Comte de Paris took place on the 22nd May, 1886, under the direction of the Sun to the parallel of the Moon, the latter ruling the seventh house, and of the Moon to the parallel of Venus, the midheaven at the time being in conjuction with Venus conversely.

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Since the above was written, a horrible tragedy has taken place, and the King of Portugal and his eldest son, the Crown Prince, have been brutally murdered. The terrible events were signified generally from the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the ruling sign of Portugal, the two planets being rising at the time of the conjunction. We have not had time to calulate the directions operating at the murder, but they should be very important and significant. It is an interesting fact, however, to note that whenever the Sun is conjoined with Mars and Saturn it will bring a disaster at the age of 45, this being three periods of Mars and one and a half of Saturn, and this horoscope is no exception to the rule.

University Boat Race.

IT may be interesting to students to learn that this event is to be rowed on Saturday, April the 4th, 1908, about 3.30 p.m. Some of our readers may be curious to test "The Delphian Oracle" which appeared in OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER for February. If this is their intention, we shall be pleased to receive their judgment on this coming event. All information outside our February No. is contained in the planetary hour for this day. Those persons who cannot find these hours acquire the necessary knowledge, from "Our Days and Hours." Price 1s. 2d. post free (see advt).

Saturday, April 4th, 1908, 3.30 p.m.

Oxford University		+ 68
Boat Race	...	+ 24
Saturday	...	= 27
Mars Hour	...	= 81

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Cambridge University		+ 58
Boat Race	...	+ 24
Saturday	...	= 27
Mars Hour	...	= 81

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1 Lucky.

A prediction by Delphian Oracle.

Answers to Correspondents

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DUNCAN MCDONALD.—The progressed horoscope for a person living abroad is generally considered to be calculated in the usual way, namely, by adding four minutes to the Right Ascension of the horoscope meridian for every year of life expired, the Tables of Houses for the place of birth being used. W. Foulsham & Co. publish a good set at 1s. I prefer to refer the progress to the place of residence at the time, for although the aspects will be the same among the planets, yet the latter will fall in different Houses according to the altered locality, and these give a better interpretation of effects than the radical positions.—SEPHARIAL.

Book Review.

SCIENTIFIC RACING, by H. Trevor (Scorpion). Post free, 2/8.

Mr. Trevor, the author, sends us a year's results in tabular form, as a proof of the success of his system, which certainly appears very remarkable. We do not propose to open our pages to the discussion of matters connected with betting, hence we refrain from further comment; but, as the system is astrologically worked by the Ephemeris, we think it a matter of interest to Astrological Students.

NIGIDIUS FIGULUS, a very learned nobleman contemporaneous with Cicero, was highly commended by the latter for his singular excellence in all kinds of learning, divine and human, more particularly in physic and astrology. He foretold at the birth of Octavius that he would be lord of the world.

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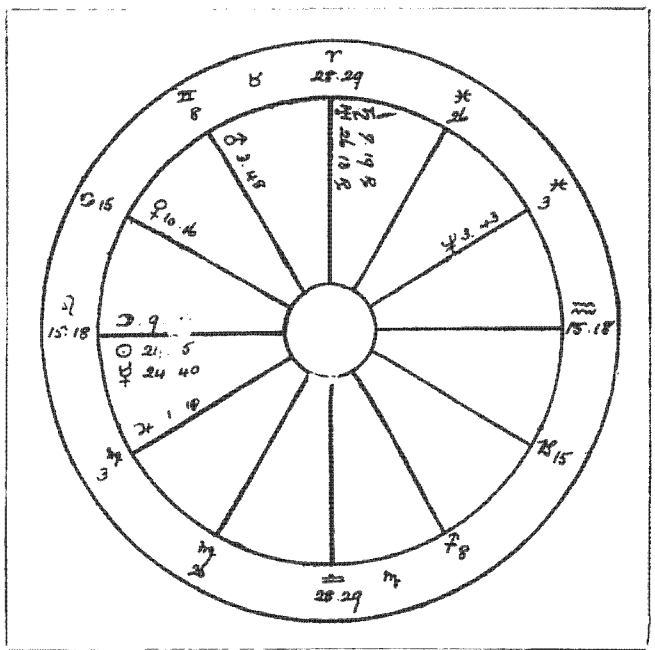
Example Horoscope for Students.

No. 6—Girl born 17th August, 1849, at 4 a.m. in Lat 51. 16 N., Long 1. 18 E.
Died of Diphtheria, 18th October, 1859. R.A.M.C. 1h. 46m. 52s.

THE case we submit for examination this month is of more than usual interest, showing as it does the inability of a benefic planet, when weakened by position and aspect, to save life under evil directions. In calculating the the R.A.M.C. of this figure we may point out to students that the birth place being *east* of Greenwich an addition of 5 m. 12 s. has to be made to the sidereial time after the deduction of the eight hours is made. Had the birth place been *west* this would have been deducted. This point should never be lost sight of as it is very important in calculating a horoscope.

One would naturally suppose that with the Sun and the Moon rising in Leo this child would have had plenty of strength and vitality and have lived to a good old age. But we should like to point out two things which tend to alter this apparent anomaly. The second decanate of Leo rises, and Jupiter is the ruler of this division, and be it noted is in its debility the sign Virgo, opposed by Neptune and squared by Mars, and both of these planets elevated. Moreover, the Sun is in the third decanate of Leo which is ruled by Mars, and Mars is in square to both Jupiter and Neptune. The Sun it is true is only two degress past the sesquiquadrate aspect of Saturn, and is also nearly in semisquare to Venus, but these are sufficiently powerful to produce an early death. Further than that the child died of a martial inflammatory complaint, and it is therefore to the planet Mars we must look for evil.

The chief matter to which we desire to call the attention of the student, is the directions operating at death, and the action of the synodic lunation, which we have previously alluded to, in exciting and accelerating directions.



Now the child died at the age of 10 years 2m. 1d., equal in time to 10 days 4 hours and 4 minutes, This added to the birth hour gives 8.4 a.m. on the 27th August. The Sun is then placed in 3° 53′ ♍ just past the exact square of the radical Mars, and only just past the opposition of Neptune, both radical and progressed positions, and, what is strangest of all, in conjunction with the progressed Jupiter.

The question is most reasonably asked, why did not the conjunction of the Sun with Jupiter save life? There are two reasons why. First, Jupiter is in the sign Virgo, where he is debiliated, and his power for good very much reduced. Second, Jupiter is terribly afflicted at birth, and, whatever aspects are formed after birth, they cannot override the radical affliction.

The second matter which we desire to touch upon is the synodic lunation, which, as we have already mentioned, is the time when the Moon returns to the same relative position from the Sun. It occurs about every 29 days and each return reckons as a year. Now this child died after she was ten years of age. Therefore the tenth synodic lunation after birth will measure to the tenth birth day. This falls out on 10th June, 1850, at 6.4 a.m. at which time the Moon will be in 3° 41′ ♊ exactly on place of Mars at birth, square to Neptune, square to Jupiter and square to the progressed Sun.

Students should watch the action of the synodic lunations in their own horoscopes, they will learn a great deal.

HARD ON HIM.—He: "I hear he worships the very ground she walks on."—She: "Not at all improbable; her estate is very considerable."

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Spiritualism, Spirit Writing, and Mediumship.

IF you wish to see whether Spiritualism is really only jugglery and imposture, try it by personal experiment. If you can get an introduction to some experienced Spiritualist, on whose good faith you can rely, ask him for advice; and, if he is holding private circles, seek permission to attend one to see how to conduct séances, and what to expect.

There is, however, difficulty in obtaining access to private circles, and, in any case, you must rely chiefly on experiences in your own family circle, or amongst your own friends, all strangers being excluded. The bulk of Spiritualists have gained conviction thus.

Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type.

Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbances, in subdued light, and in comfortable and unconstrained positions, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestations. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times, at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. Guess at the reason of your failure, eliminate the inharmonious elements, and introduce others. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

The first indications of success usually are a cold breeze passing over the hands, with involuntary twitchings of the hands and arms of some of the sitters, and a sensation of throbbing in the table. These indications, at first so slight as to cause doubt as to their reality, will usually develop with more or less rapidity.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let some one take command of the circle and act as spokes-

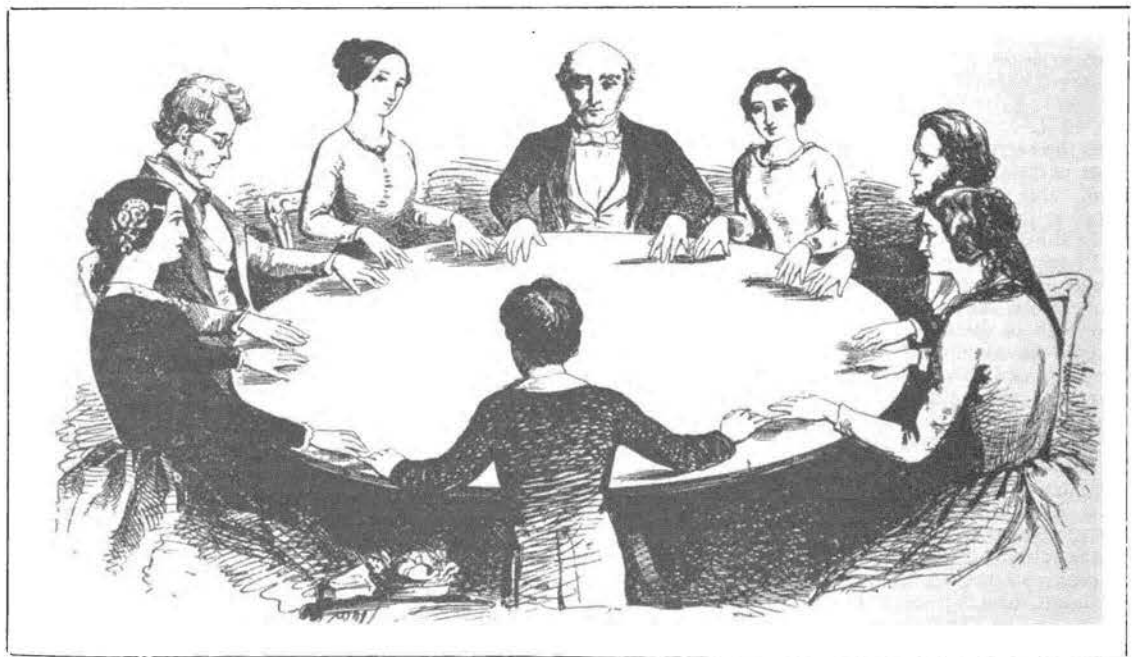


Table Moving Seance.

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man. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this, if there be a real desire on the part of the Intelligence to speak with you. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means; but avoid any vexatious imposition of restrictions on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means; if the attempt to communicate deserves your attention, it probably has something to say to you, and will resent being hampered by useless interference. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, or by means of form manifestations, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer. Increased light will check noisy manifestations.

Lastly. Try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.

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	English.	Hebrew letter.	
1.	The Juggler or Magician ...	Aleph.	A.
2.	The High Priestess or Female Pope	Beth.	B.
3.	The Empress	Gimel.	G.
4.	The Emperor	Daleth.	D.
5.	The Hierophant or Pope ...	He.	H.
6.	The Lovers	Vau	V.
7.	The Chariot	Zain.	Z.
8.	Justice	Cheth.	CH
9.	The Hermit	Teth.	T.
10.	The Wheel of Fortune ...	Yod.	I.
11.	Strength, Fortitude	Kaph.	K.
12.	The Hanged Man	Lamed	L.
13.	Death	Mem.	M.
14.	Temperance	Nun.	N.
15.	The Devil	Samech.	S.
16.	The Lighning-struck Tower ...	Ayin.	O.
17.	The Star	Pe.	P.
18.	The Moon	Tzaddi.	TZ
19.	The Sun	Qoph.	Q.
20.	The Last Judgment ...	Resh.	R.
0.	The Foolish Man	Shin.	SH
21.	The Universe	Tau.	TH

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Astrology and its Exponents.

V.—Claudius Ptolemy.

WE have now gone briefly over the history of the science prior to the Christian era, and commented on many of the great and talented men who have been believers and exponents of Astrology. Want of space prevents us from giving more detailed accounts of them, also of many others. We therefore take for our subject this month the man who is looked upon as the father of Astrology, at least so far as the western world is concerned, Claudius Ptolemy.

Claudius Ptolemy was born at Pelusium, in Egypt, and became an illustrious disciple of the school of Alexandria, in which city he flourished during the reign of Adrian and that of Antoninus Pius. The date of his birth has been commonly assigned to the 70th year of the Christian era; but the accuracy of this date seems questionable; for he has himself noted in one part of these works that Antoninus reigned twenty three years. He must have therefore survived that prince, and, as it is not probable that he continued his scientific labours until after ninety years of age, which he must have done had he been born in the year 70, because Antoninus Pius died in the year 161, it seems that his birth would be properly ascribed to some later period. Moreover it is asserted by the Arabians that he died in the 78th year of his age, and a similar statement is also made by Luca Gauricus, in the dedication of this version of the the Almagest to Dominico Palavicini. Gauricus has, however, placed his death in the year 147, which does not accord with the fact of his having survived Antoninus.

The authentic details of the circumstances of Ptolemy's life are, however, extremely few. It is said that he was distinguised among the Greeks by the epithets "most wise" and "most divine" on account of his great learning, and, according to the preface in Whalley's translation of the Tetrabiblos, the Arabians report that "he was extremely abstemious and rode much on horse-back."

Although the errors of the Ptolemaic system of the Universe have long been discarded, there are many points therein in which modern science and modern astronomical science in particular have reaped great benefits. He has preserved and transmitted to us the observations and principal discoveries of remoter persons, and has enriched and augmented them with his own. He corrected Hipparchus' catalogue of fixed stars, and formed tables for the calculation and regulation of the motions of the Sun, Moon and planets. He was, in fact, the first who collected the scattered and detached observations of Aristotle, Hipparchus, Posidonus, and others on the cosmogony of the world and digested them into a system, which he set forth in his "Great Construction," divided into thirteen books and called after him the Ptolemaic system. In that work he also treats of the figure and divisions of the earth, of the right and oblique ascensions of the heavenly bodies, and of the motions of the Sun, Moon, and planets; and he gave tables for finding their situations, latitudes, longitudes and motions; he treats also of eclipses and the method of computing them, and also of the fixed stars, of which he gives a catalogue.

It was not until the year 827 that the "Great Construction" was translated by the Arabians into their own language, and by them communicated into Europe. It is through them that it has usually been known as the Almagest. In the 13th century, the Emperor Frederic II caused it to be translated from the Arabic into Latin, and Sacrobosco was consequently enabled to write his famous work upon the sphere. It was not, however, until the end of the fifteenth century that the "Great Construction" was translated into Latin from the original text, and this important service was rendered to science by Purbach, a professor of philosophy at Vienna, who learned the Greek tongue at the instigation of Cardinal Bessarion. By means of this translation the Ephemerides of George Muller, surnamed Regiomontanus, a disciple of Purbach's, were first composed. The Greek text of the Almagest was first published at Basle, by Simon Grynaeus, in 1538; and it was again printed at the same place in 1551 with certain other works of Ptolemy. The rest of Ptolemy's works connected with Astronomy, and now extant, are the Tetrabiblos, or four books of the influence of the stars, the Centiloquoy or Fruit of his four books, being a kind of supplement to the former, and the Significations of the fixed stars.

Proclus, to whom the world is indebted for the improved text of the Tetrabiblos, from which the present translations are taken, was born at Constantinople in the year 410. He studied at Alexandria and Athens, and became very popular among the later Platonists.

Old Moore's Prophetical Forecasts Fulfilled in January.

Bitter discussions on school management. Disasters to little ones in theatres and halls. Change in the Ministry by death of Lawson Walton. Railway disaster at Huddersfield—read the date under 17th—Railway accident likely. A blow at organized medical exclusiveness—note the actions against a medical paper and the result—victory for advertising consultant. The Government Broker will buy largely of Consols, and they will rise considerably. National loss near St. Paul's—Crosby Hall to be demolished. Be sure you have FOULSHAM'S ASTROLOGICAL, Old Moore's Almanack, 1d. Superior edition, 2d. of all bookseller s,or post free direct for 1d. extra.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

VI.—Everyday Occurences.

HAVING dealt with many of the practical uses of astrology, more especially with development of the mind and character, the health, training of children, etc., we will now take a general glance at its more matter of fact side, as being useful in the everyday life of the world.

A case in point. I ask my readers to turn to the October issue and in the "Daily Guide for Business, etc."—which is a daily guide for everyone—we note that for the 15th of October, it is stated therein. "An evil day for all things. Avoid *travelling* and visiting." On the following day when we opened our papers we were faced with the news of the terrible calamity at Shrewsbury Station, where an express train was wrecked, and nearly twenty people killed and many others injured. If all the people in that train had taken note of the warning and had refrained from journeying on that fatal night, they might still be alive at this present time. The warning was given, and in accordance with the laws of astrology, but, of course, in this highly enlightened land, where advanced education has made the very idea of astrology a mere vulgar superstition, a subject to be ridiculed and sneered at, the warning was ignored, and with what result? *The result was a pointed illustration of the truth of astrology, and of the practical uses it can be put to in our everyday life.*

This case is not the only one. Scores of similar ones can be brought to light daily and hourly. In our towns and cities, in the crowded streets of our great metropolis, accidents happen which might be avoided if astrology were studied as a universal science. A man goes on a journey and starts at an inauspicious time, the result is trouble, financial loss, or even accident or death. But yet men will rush on, courting their own destruction.

Another case, an ordinary trivial occurrence. A young man suffers from an excruciating toothache; he decides to have the tooth extracted; he goes to the dentist at the very hour that the Moon is conjoined with Mars. What is the result? The dentist bungles the operation, breaks the tooth, and injures the young man's jaw, and he suffers more agony than before. Do you pity him, reader? I do not. He acted in ignorance of the stellar laws, he decided to take a certain action in defiance of those laws, and therefore he suffered for his own acts.

Perhaps some of our more matter of fact students may regard this with a smile and question the action of the science in such little trivial occurrences. To those my answer is, in the words of the wisest man that ever lived:—

"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away." The following little anecdote will serve again to show the practical uses of the science in matters of everyday life.

A countryman went, the other day, to the shop of a bookseller in a certain town for a MOORE'S ALMANAC for the next year, and on one being handed to him he lamented the degeneracy of OLD MOORE as there were now *no signs* in it. He wondered why Mr. Moore had given up putting the signs in the almanac; it had been a bad job for him, leaving them out, for some years back. The vendor of literature—who had sold some thousands of OLD MOORE in his day, but had never thought hands, etc., which used to be placed down one side of the columns really meant anything—inquired how this had happened. "Why, you see," the rustic believer in the signs replied, "we used to wean calves and colts by the signs; and as there were no signs in Moore last year we weaned a colt without knowing what the sign was at the time, and it died of a disease of the heart. We found out afterwards that the sign at the time *was in the heart*; so if we had known, do you see, we should have saved that colt."

There are many ways in which the practical uses of the science are made manifest. In baking and brewing, in planting and cultivating the ground, there are times in which these affairs should be done and they will turn out satisfactorily. If anyone does not believe it let them make the following test. Take a quantity of common peas, and divide into four separate packages, keeping each distinct. Then on any spot fit for vegetation at the proper season of the year, sow the contents of the first parcel on the first or second day of the New Moon: the second parcel sow on the second day after the first quarter: the third parcel on the second or third day *before* the Full Moon and the fourth parcel on the second or third day before the Moon is out. The first parcel will grow very fast and blossom beautifully, but bear no fruit; the second will blossom, but bear little fruit; the third will bear an abundance of fruit, and be full of blossom; the fourth will scarcely rise above the ground. Bread baked when the Moon is in certain signs will turn out well. and beer brewed when the Moon is in watery signs will be stronger and purer. Fishing undertaken on certain days, is productive of better results, and all this is in accordance with astrological rules and principles. Journeying, marketing, gardening, all these affairs of life can be turned to advantage by a proper study and acquaintance of the astral laws.

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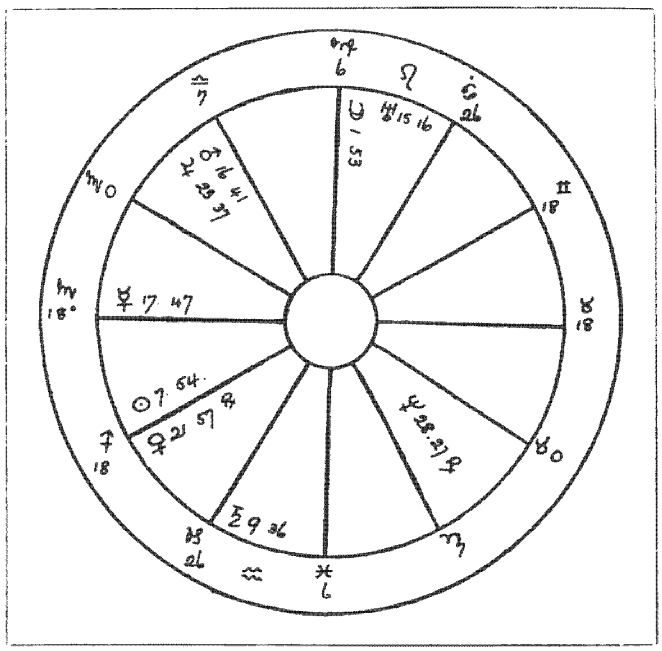
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—VI.

Mr. Winston Churchill, M.P.

WE append below what we believe to be the correct horoscope of Mr. Winston Churchill, M.P. The approximate time is 5.55 a.m. of the 30th November 1874, and is based on two most important events of life, viz., the death of his father in January, 1895, and of his appointment as under Secretary of the Colonies in Jan. 1906. Suitable directions have been found to corroborate these events, and the figure below is the resultant horoscope.



Mercury rises in the sign Scopio in square to Uranus, denoting a sharp, incisive, and persistent disposition, a contempt for, and an intolerance of, the opinions of others, a tendency to hasty and rash speech, and a danger of coming into conflict with others thereby. The nature is much too zealous, resentful, with too high an opinion of his own abilities, while the square of Uranus to Mercury will tend to make him critical and irritable, and will cause him to be severely criticised by others, as his actions are liable to be misconstrued and probably not to be trusted.

There is a certain amount of frankness, candour, and self-reliance in his individuality, but he is apt to be outspoken, and to say more than is wise or necessary, and with the luminaries in square the character is not very harmoniously blended.

The Moon on the cusp of the tenth in square to the Sun and semisquare to Mars is not good for his prospects, and his popularity is likely to be of an ephemeral nature, and more among the lower orders. His horoscope is more that of an author than a politician, and does not show sufficient stability to stand the test of time.

At the present time the Sun is directed to the twelfth degree of Capricorn, nearly in square to Mars, while the meridian is slowly approaching the conjunction of the same planet. The solar eclipse of January 3rd falls on the progressed Sun, and the lunar influences are very unfavourable. March, Moon square Saturn, May and June square Uranus, August conjunction Mercury, all of which are unfavourable for success.

The Sun is passing away from the good influences which have brought him so conspicuously forward, and in five years time, the directions are such as to produce heavy troubles and dangers. The Sun will then be in square to Mars, and sesquiquadrate to the Moon, and the Moon in evil aspect to all three. The outlook for 1908 is distinctly unpromising, and falls very much in line

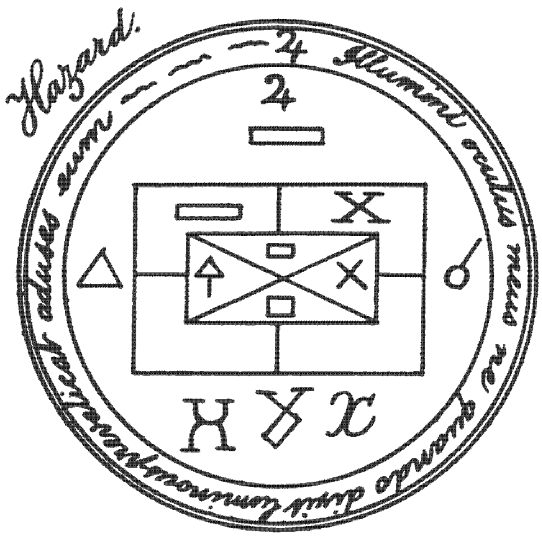
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with that of several other members of the present Government.

As our horoscope is merely a speculative one we content ourselves with the above cursory glance thereat. If any of our readers can favour us with the correct time of birth, we shall be pleased to add further to this. We think, however, that the time given cannot be very far out.

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1	22 ♒ 25	A good day for social matters, but avoid financial business.
2	7 ♓ 29	A magnificent day for starting new ventures, travel, correspond, etc.
3	22 26	Attend to business and correspond in afternoon; avoid elders after.
4	7 ♈ 6	Slightly favourable at mid-day for business, evil for all other matters.
5	21 24	Keep quiet in morning, social matters and deal with superiors after.
6	5 ♉ 14	Correspond, evil for money and travel but good for pleasure after 6 p.m.
7	18 35	Good for travel and changes before 3 p.m. Evil for all things after.
8	1 ♊ 29	Deal with business, elders, and money, but be careful with letters.
9	13 59	A favourable day up to 6 p.m., after that hour keep quiet.
10	26 10	Evil up to 7 p.m. Good for social matters, love affairs, etc., after.
11	8 ♋ 8	Evil for all things till evening, then attend to new plans and business.
12	19 58	Ask favours and deal with superiors in afternoon; evil before noon.
13	1 ♌ 44	Not a good day, avoid shopping and social matters.
14	13 33	A very evil day generally for all things.
15	25 26	Act carefully and very discreetly all day.
16	7 ♍ 28	A good day for love affairs, correspondence, travel and business.
17	19 40	A good day for removals and travel before noon.
18	2 ♎ 3	Evil till mid-day, good for visiting friends afterwards.
19	14 38	An evil day for all things, act discreetly in dealing with others.
20	27 24	Do business and correspond, evil for social and financial affairs.
21	10 ♏ 21	An evil day generally, but fairly good in mid-day for correspondence.
22	23 30	An unfavourable day. You would do well to stay at home.
23	6 ♐ 51	Not a good day; keep yourself very quiet.
24	20 24	A splendid day for social matters, pleasure and entertainment.
25	4 ♑ 10	Keep quiet till 4 p.m., then attend to business and correspondence.
26	18 11	Good for social and love affairs, etc., but not travel or correspondence.
27	2 ♒ 26	Deal with elders, ask favours, push affairs, but not social matters.
28	16 53	A very unfavourable day; remain at home.
29	1 ♓ 30	A quiet day; do nothing of any importance,
30	16 11	Correspond, travel, remove, do business, begin new work, etc.
31	0 ♈ 48	A good day, but safeguard health.

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Birthday Influences during March.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♀. A generally quiet year, with social and financial gain, and benefits through the other sex. A child born on this day will be a favourite with the other sex, will gain through them, but will squander its money and be often in trouble.

2. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♓, ✶ ♂, ☌ ☿, ☌ ☉, △ ♆. An active year, many changes, new enterprises, gain and promotion in employment and through superiors. A child born on this day will have excellent mental powers, will be mediumistic intuitive, active, progressive and enterprising.

3. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♓, ✶ ♅, par ♀, ☉ & ☿, ☌ ♄. Many changes, inclination for travel, gain through other sex and superiors, but indications of bereavement. A child born on this day will be original, romantic, a favorite with the other sex, but weak willed; will gain in the employment of others.

4. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♈, △ ♃. par ♄, □ ♆. A doubtful year, some social and financial gain, but danger of ill heath, and plots and schemes. A child born on this day will have to struggle much in life, have many obstacles to contend with, but will gain financially through friends.

5. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♈, □ ♅, par ♄, ☉, ☌ ♀. Many adverse changes, danger of ill health and loss of employment. Gain is shown in love affairs and finance. A child born on this day will meet with many adversities in life, will have much to contend with, and should always remain in employ.

6. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ☿, □ ♃, ☌ ♂, par ♀. An active year, benefits in dealings with the other sex, but grave danger of extravagance, quarrels, accidents and law. A child born on this day will be clever and aspiring, be fond of company and the other sex, but will frequently be involved in law and disputes.

7. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♆, △ ♆, ✶ ☉, par. ♂. A beneficial year, many changes and advantages; gain through superiors and employment but danger of quarrels. A child born on this day will travel much, be clever, original, inspirational and independent, but should guard against law and quarrels.

8. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♄, □ ☿, ✶ ♃. Many social and financial advantages; benefits through elders, but trouble through young people and correspondence. A child born on this day will gain through inheritance or property, but should be careful in correspondence and signing papers.

9. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♊, par ♃, □ ☉. A changeable year, benefits socially and financially, but danger of trouble through superiors and loss of employment. A child born on this day will have much trouble in employment, be often unsuccessful in work, but will gain through the help of friends.

10. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♊, par ♆, □ ♄, ✶ ♀, △ ☿. A mutable year, beware of plots, and safeguard the health, business will benefit, while changes and love affairs will be successful. A child born on this day will be clever, sharp, and learned; but will gain through the other sex, but have a hard struggle in life.

11. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♆, ✶ ♂, par ♅. Beware of forced changes and annoyances; gain is shown through enterprise and professional ability. A child born on this day would make a good conjurer, will often be involved in plots and schemes, but gain through energy and activity.

12. THURSDAY (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♅, △ ☉. Avoid making unnecessary changes, study the interests of superiors, and remain in employment. A child born on this day will be wayward, unsettled, and abrupt; should always remain in the employ of others and avoid changes.

13. FRIDAY, (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♌, △ ♄, □ ♀, ☌ ♃. A generally successful year, gain through elders and responsibility, but danger of disappointment, both in love and money. A child born on this day will be reckless and extravagant in money, vain and foppish; will benefit through elders and employment.

14. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♌, par ☉, □ ♂. Not a good year, danger of disputes, quarrels, and litigation; gain accrues through superiors and employment. A child born on this day will be ambitious and competent, will obtain some commendation, but should avoid litigation and disputes.

15. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♌, par ♂, par ♀, ☌ ☿. An unfavorable anniversary, trouble through the other sex, young people, and correspondence; loss in business or employment. A child born on this day will be impudent and sarcastic, and in danger of disgrace through the opposite sex.

16. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♍, △ ♀, ✶ ♆, par ☿. A favorable year, beneficial changes, gain social and financially; business and employment will prosper. A child born on this day will be gifted in music, singing, and literature and should gain much success in these professions.

17. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♍, △ ♂, △ ♅. An active and enterprising year, travel, changes, and new schemes for personal betterment and progress. A child born on this day will be clever, inventive, and original and should excel in engineering work and metaphysical studies.

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18. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♎, ☌ ☉, ☌ ♄, ✶ ♃. A year of trouble, disaster, and illness. Bereavement is threatened, but friends will help and comfort. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle through life, will meet with much adversity, but gain through friends.

19. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♎, □ ♆, □ ♅, par ☉ & ♄. A year of adverse changes, losses and disappointments. Things will go generally wrong and the position will be insecure. A child born on this day will be unlucky right through life, will lose many opportunities and have a poor and cheerless end.

20. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♎, △ ☿, □ ♃. A doubtful year, some good changes, and benefits in business or employment, but heavy expenses and some financial loss. A child born on this day will be clever and quick in learning, but extravagant and should steer clear of litigation.

21. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♍, par ☿, △ ♆, ☌ ♀, ✶ ♅. Sickness and bereavement are threatened, through the other sex, but some favorable changes and new scenes in life. A child born on this day will be very ambitious, rise to an important position in life, but will have a heavy fall and come to disgrace and ruin.

22. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, ☌ ♂. An evil anniversary, danger of plots, quarrels and accidents. A child born on this day will be hot-tempered, indiscreet, and quarrelsome, and meet with much trouble in life.

23. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♐, △ ♄, △ ☉, △ ♃, □ ☿, par ♀ & ♂. A favorable year, benefits in employment and through superiors, but some trouble through letters and with the other sex. A child born on this day will rise to a good position in life with popularity and responsibility, but should be careful of the other sex.

24. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♐, par ♆. A favourable year, promotion, social and financial benefits, gain in employment and generally success. A child born on this day will attain to a high position in life, will have a romantic marriage and become prosperous.

25. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♑, □ ♄, par ♅. □ ☉, ✶ ☿. A worrying year, ill health, many obstacles to progress, loss of employment but some beneficial changes. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life, will often be out of employment and will have to rely upon his wits for a living.

26. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅, △ ♀, △ ♂. A lucky year, success with opposite sex, gain through enterprise and new undertakings. A child born on this day will come into money suddenly, will be clever, inventive and original and will gain success in his undertakings.

27. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☌ ♃, ✶ ☉. A generally good year, some responsibilities and improvement of position but danger of losses and increased expenses. A child born on this day will be ambitious but extravagant, will attain to some responsibility in life and be successful.

28. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♒, par ♃ & ♀, □ ♀ & ♂. A doubtful anniversary; some financial and social gain, but trouble through other sex and danger of quarrels. A child born on this day will be careless and untidy, profligate and extravagant, if a female will meet with disgrace.

29. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♓. A quiet year, no very important events. A child born on this day will have a quiet career in life, but generally successful.

30. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♓, ☌ ☿, △ ♆, ✶ ♅. A good year, travel, changes, new surroundings. Gain in employment and improvement of conditions. A child born on this day should gain success as an author, scientist, or traveller; will have exceptionally good abilities and will leave a name behind him.

31. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♈, ✶ ♀, par ☉, ☌ ♄, △ ♃. A successful year, important changes and developments in the life; gain in employment and general prosperity. A child born on this day will rise in life to a high position, gain socially and financially and be popular respected in his sphere of life.

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Stories of Mystery.

THE following stories are related by the late Mr. Jelinger Symons, barrister-at-law and Government Inspector of Workhouse Schools, in a chapter on popular superstitions contained in a little work entitled "Rough Types of English Life: "—

The Rev. Mr. Prosser, a clergyman residing in a village in Monmouthshire, was going abroad many years ago, and before he went he resolved to have a secret drawer made in his study, and for this purpose, having sent his servants to bed, let in one——, a carpenter, who, after he had made the secret drawer during the night, was let out when his job was finished by Mr. Prosser, his visit being thus unknown to any except Mr. Prosser and the man. Some months after Mr. Prosser had returned from his tour he was suddenly awoke in the night by a voice calling him by name and telling him to go at once to Monmouth. Monmouth was some miles distant, and the drowsy clergyman had of course no mind to turn out of bed on such an errand, so he turned round and tried to go to sleep again, but in vain; the voice kept on repeating the same unreasonable demand, till at length the rev. gentleman in desperation, and perhaps not a little scared at such a summons, got up, had his horse saddled, and actually started for Monmouth without the slightest notion what he was to do when he got there. It seems his way took him across a ferry, and just as he reached it he remembered that as the ferryman lived on the other side of the river he had no chance of hailing him effectually at that time of night, and was just about to turn his horse's head when up starts a man from the bank of the river and enquires if it is Mr. Prosser? "Yes," said Mr. Prosser; "but what has brought you across so early?"

"Why, sir, I am come on purpose to fetch you."

"Indeed!" said Mr. Prosser; "who told you?"

"I don't know, but somebody has been shouting at me to go and ferry Mr. Prosser across; so, as I could get no rest for the voice, I did as he told me, and here I am. Won't you cross, sir?"

Mr. Prosser thought he had best see the adventure out, and went on accordingly. He arrives at Monmouth just as the hotels are opening. He feeds his horse, gets shaved, and has his breakfast, and, desirous of giving his horse a little more rest, saunters about the town and into the Shirehall, where the assizes are going on. He looks into the Nisi Prius Court. The proceedings are, however, not more than usually lively, and he seeks something that may interest him a little more in the Crown Court. Nor is he long in finding it. There stands in the dock, on his trial for burglary, the very carpenter who had made his secret drawer.

"Have you, then, no witnesses to prove your story?" said the Judge to the prisoner.

"None, my lord," said he; "I was not near the spot that night; but the only man that could prove my innocence is far away in foreign parts, and that was the Rev. Mr. Prosser, of ——, my lord."

"But here I am!" exclaimed Mr. Prosser, and getting into the witness-box proves the *alibi* which saves the carpenter's life, for in those days burglary was always a hanging matter.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes, when vicar of Tenby, dreamt over and over that he heard the church bells ringing in the middle of the night, and became at last so convinced of it that he got up, dressed, and went to the church. On his way he meets Mary, who had lately been a servant in his family. Rebuking her for being out so late, she retorted—

"Why, sir, I came to see why you were so late in coming to marry us!"

"Marry you at this time of night! Why, you must be mad; and who to?

"Why, to William, sir; his ship sails at one, and he has at last promised to marry me, as he ought long ago. He says he has seen you, and you agreed to do it after twelve o'clock had struck, and I thought I would come up to see if you were ready first. Will is sure to be waiting at the church door for us, so pray come."

Mr. Hughes followed the girl in silent amazement. He had made no such promise. When they got into the churchyard there was Will sure enough waiting for the girl. But the moment he saw her companion he rushes off, clears the church wall with a bound, sailed by the ship then leaving the port, and was never heard of more. Near where he was standing was a roughly-dug re-opened grave, with mattock and shovel ready to bury that girl when murdered.

Our attention has been called to these stories by a curious coincidence. A night or two ago, at an assembly at an house of a gentleman near Gloucester, the conversation—probably as the result of some of Mrs. Oliphant's recent writings—turned upon "Mysteries of the Seen and Unseen," and the attempts of the special society formed to unravel some of these mysteries, when a gentleman present related a story as told to him when at school near Truro forty years ago, identical with Mr. Symons's narrative of the Rev. Mr. Prosser, the only differences being that Plymouth Dock (now Devonport) was given as the residence of the person who received the mysterious call, the Tamar was the river over which he was ferried, and Launceston was the town to which he was so strangely summoned to rescue an innocent man from the gallows. As soon as the narrator had finished the host went to his library and returned with Mr. Symonds's book, from which he read the extract as given above! Mr. Symonds relates some other stories equally remarkable, and adds: "Perhaps any positive opinions on the occurrence or non-occurrence of such appearances and agencies are less wise than a candid avowal of the mystery which veils the spiritual world, and withholds direct evidence of the fact without denying its possibility." And he

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makes one of the persons whose conversations furnish the material for his book remark:—"It is safer to remember that such subjects touch the limited confines of human reason, and exceed the scope of full revelation. I believe, however, it is Addison who says in the *Spectator* that he 'thinks a person who is terrified with the imagination of ghosts and spectres much more reasonable than one who, contrary to the report of all historians, sacred and profane, ancient and modern, and to the traditions of all nations, thinks the appearance of spirits fabulous and groundless. Could not I give myself up to this general testimony of mankind, I should to the relations of particular persons who are now living, and whom I cannot distrust in other matters of fact.'"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor of OLD MOORE'S MESSENGER.

SIR,—I feel that a statement made by the writer of "Horoscopes of Celebrities" in the January number of OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER calls for some remark.

In the Horoscope of Sir H. M. Stanley, in the middle of the first column, on page 75, occur the words, "Rectification by the Pre-natal Epoch—*the only correct method of obtaining the true time of birth.*" (Italics mine.)

I do not think this is a right statement to make. Personally, I *do* believe that there is such a thing as a Pre-natal Epoch, and I am willing to grant that it may be used to rectify a time which is given only as approximate. For instance, a person knows *for certain* that he was born *about* 8.30 a.m. or between 7 and 7.30 p.m. In cases such as these the Pre-natal Epoch will doubtless give the correct minute. There are too many cases of accurately timed births, which afford accurate epochs, for anyone to deny it.

But in cases where a person only knows, say, that he was born "in the morning" or in the evening, or, worse still, only the *day* of his birth, I absolutely and flatly deny that the Pre-natal Epoch will *of itself alone* furnish not merely the correct moment, but any moment at all.

I proceed to give some reasons for my statement, which are irrefutable.

During the day—24 hours—every sign in the Zodiac occupies the ascendant in turn.

Now, the Moon at the Pre-natal Epoch *must* be in the degree or its opposite which ascended at the birth.

The Moon, roughly speaking, goes through the 12 signs of the Zodiac in 27 days, so that by the foregoing data we have—in *every* case where only the birth *day* is known, with no time whatever—27 possible *days* for the Epoch.

Secondly, the ascendant at the Epoch *must be* the degree held by the Moon at birth or its opposite.

Hence there will be two *possible* ascendants for each of the 27 *possible days* on which the Epoch *may* fall. This makes a total of 54 POSSIBLE EPOCHS for any given birth-*day*. *Now, they cannot all be correct.*

Hence the Pre-natal Epoch is of no use whatever in the cases I have outlined—by itself alone, and I do not think that anyone but a tyro in *astronomy* will even attempt to contradict me.

The *only* reliable method of getting an *approximate* time of birth when only the *day* is known is that outlined by myself in the January number of this journal, *i.e.*, the use of tables of directions and the painstaking study of them to obtain a time which shall produce fitting directions at the moments corresponding to stated events in the life of the person.

Whether the directions used for the purpose are Primary or Secondary, or whether the astrologer makes use of the lunar Progresses for the purpose, matters little. Myself, I prefer the Secondary arcs, *i.e.*, the "one day for a year system," because it is easier and quicker to work and yet affords good results, and not because of any unsoundness in the Primaries as advocated by A. J. Pearce, which I thoroughly endorse. But having got at an approximate time by the method alluded to above, and described more fully in my article on "Rectification" in the January number, one often finds the Pre-natal Epoch lead to a moment which gives splendidly fitting directions to the angles, which are, as all astrologers know, excellent criteria of the correctness or otherwise of a time of birth.

Thanking you, sir, for the insertion of my somewhat lengthy letter.

Yours respectfully, ASTROLABUS.

[The Editor will reply to this letter in the next issue with an example horoscope].

WHAT IS LOVE?

By SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

Now, what is love, I pray thee, tell?
It is that fountain and that well
Where pleasure and repentance dwell;
It is, perhaps, the sauncing bell
That tolls all into heaven or hell;
And this is love, as I hear tell.

Yet what is love, I prithee, say?
It is a work on holiday,
It is December matched with May,
When lusty bloods in fresh array
Hear ten months after of the play;
And this is love, as I hear say.

Yet what is love, good shepherd, sain?
It is a sunshine mixed with rain,
It is a toothache or like pain,
It is a game where none hath gain;
The lass saith no, yet would full fain;
And this is love, as I hear sain.

Yet, shepherd, what is love, I pray?
It is a yes, it is a nay,
A pretty kind of sporting fay,
It is a thing will soon away,
Then, nymphs, take vantage while ye may;
And this is love, as I here say.

Yet what is love, good shepherd, show?
A thing that creeps, it cannot go,
A prize that passeth to and fro,
A thing for one, a thing for moe,
And he that proves shall find it so;
And, shepherd, this is love, I trow.

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The Science of Numbers.

By SEPHARIAL.

PYTHAGORAS the great Creton philosopher affirmed that the Universe was founded on number. Every geometrical form, every single sound—for sound is form—has respect to the power of Numbers as expressed in ratios. The Universe is embodied Number.

A spiritual Force becomes a material Energy and its primary expression is Number. From Unity was evolved the Trinity, and from the Trinity was evolved the Heptad. Thus, as the beginning of all thought regarding the origin of the world, the philosophy of religion has recognised the necessity of a mathematical conception of things as expressed in the power of numbers. First, the Supreme and unmanifested Deity, then the Trinity in operation as Creator, Preserver and Resolver of the Universe. Lastly, the Seven Great Powers, called in the Hebrew "Elohim," and translated "God." They are the Seven Spirits before the Throne, and the word should be rendered "gods" or "Powers," for the word is both dual—male and female—and plural.

The Kabalah has resolved this word Elohim, lit. Alhim, thus:—

A	...	1
L	...	3
H	...	5
I	...	1
M	...	4
Alhim	...	14

These are the Seven male, positive, and manifested Powers, called Planetary Spirits, and known by the names of Michael, Gabriel, Kamiel, Raphael, Zadkiel, Haniel, and Zophiel. The other Seven are their unmanifested counterparts.

A positive and negative force is required in the production of every spiritual, psychic or physical effect.

Enormous energy is required to produce the crystallisation of a single drop of water, and an equally great force is required to hold it as a crystal. Yet every snowflake, and the variety of them is very large, is formed on an angle of sixty degrees. All the superior metals crystallise at the angle or complemental angle of a regular polygon, which may be inscribed in a circle. These angles are those which are known as the astrological "aspects." The planets, as is well-known, are said to rule the superior metals. Thus we have a geometry in Nature which shows number to be the controlling factor in the genesis of every visible form.

No wonder, then, that ancient philosophers spoke of Number as manifest in the foundations of the world, and that, later on, the Kabalists and Mystics, the Thaumaturgists and even the Sorcerers, laid great stress on the "virtue and power of Numbers." What these powers and virtues are is a matter which can only be revealed by long and patient study.

John Heydon has given us the planetary numbers as follows: Saturn 8, Jupiter 3, Mars 9, Sun 4 and 1, Venus 6, Mercury 5, and Moon 7 and 2. Many remarkable results can be obtained from these planetary values, especially in the resolution of names and questions of precedence, amity, and conflict.

But in order that the full working value of Sound and Number may be known, it is necessary that the periods of the planets should be understood. This may well form the subject of a separate monograph.

Moreover, the difference between letter values, as recently illustrated in this journal by Mr. Thos. S. Eyre, and Sound values ought not to be overlooked. Thus, if we take the name of our country, England, the letter value will be E 5, N 5, G 3, L 3, A 1, N 5, D 4 = 26, which gives a unit value of 8, a rather too sinister number and withal too Saturnine for a forceful and enterprising nation to be associated with. The Sound value of the same name, however, is equivalent to the Solar number 4, thus: E 2, N 5, G 2, L 3, A 1, N 5, D 4 = 22 = 4, a fit signature for the heart of an Empire on which the Sun never sets. The names of Victoria and Edward have the Sound value of 1, which is again a Solar number. In the East there is a system of numerical astrology designed for the same purpose as horary astrology in the West. It is known as A'rudha. This remarkable method is based entirely on the proved relationship of thought to Sound and Number. By means of it the Jyoshi will discover the thoughts of a querent, will retrieve lost things, and resolve doubts in the most remarkable manner. The Kabalists affirm that every word and every name contains its own meaning by enumeration, and that all questions contain their own answers.

Some curious results of the Kabalistic art have been evolved in connection with the process known as Progression. Thus:—

The House of Hanover began in the

Accession of George I.	=	1714
1 + 7 + 1 + 4	=	13
Accession of George II.... ...	=	1727
1 + 7 + 2 + 7	=	17
Scots Rebellion to replace Stuarts	=	1744
1 + 7 + 4 + 4	=	16
Accession of George III. ...	=	1760

Continuing the progression, we find the dates of the American War, the French Revolution, the War with France, the Battle of Waterloo, and the death of the Duke of York, heir to the throne.

A yet more remarkable instance of Kabalistic science is found in the parallelism existing between

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the lives of St. Louis and Louis XVI. of France, whose births were separated by 539 years.

Thus:

Birth of St. Louis	1215
	539
Birth of Louis XVI.	1754
Death of Louis VII, father of St. Louis	1226
	539
Death of the Dauphin, father of Louis XVI.	1765
Marriage of St. Louis	1231
	539
Marriage of Louis XVI.	1770
Captivity of St. Louis	1250
	539
Captivity of Louis XVI.	1789
Death of Isabelle D'Angoulême ...	1250
	539
Birth of Isabelle D'Angoulême ...	1789

The more recent history of France affords an Epoch in the

Fall of Robespierre in	1794
1 + 7 + 9 + 4 ... ... =	21
Fall of Napoleon	1815
1 + 8 + 1 + 5 ... ... =	15
Fall of Charles X.	1830
1 + 8 + 3 + 0 ... ... =	12
Death of Duc D'Orleans the heir apparent	1842

It is thus evident that numbers grow out of numbers as events do from their causes. It matters not whether numbers be expressed in quantity, proportion, sound, form or colour, it is ever found to be at the root of all sympathy and antipathy between natural bodies in their chemic relations and also between the Soul of Nature and that of man. For a man to know what he is capable of, what he is destined to, and who are his natural friends and enemies, he must know his number and the working power of his own soul in the universe.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

A Month of Activity.

The new Moon of the 1st April takes place at 5h. 2m. a.m. when the sign Pisces will be rising with Mercury just above the ascendant, and Saturn just below, the luminaries also rising. Mercury rising points to much activity among the people, an increase in psychic and spiritualistic knowledge, but at the same time there will be a good deal of want and poverty in some parts of the land. The luminaries in the ascendant in square to Uranus in the eleventh, point to an outcry against the existing Government, who will be in a quandary, and may be forced to adopt strong measures in order to secure the passing of their Bills. The conjunction of Venus and Mars in the second points to large outlay by the national Exchequer, an increase of taxation, and heavy expenditure. Railways will still suffer, but the Post Office will be more prosperous. The birth rate will again be on the decrease owing to the poisonous influence of Neptune in the fifth house, and there will be trouble in educational matters and in public houses, theatres, and music halls. The general health of the people will be better, and the National services will prosper. Colonial affairs and foreign trade will improve. The position of Uranus is evil for Parliament and there will be much trouble, irritation, excitable debates, and danger of defeat.

United States.

At Washington the lunation falls on the cusp of the fourth house, indicating violent storms and seismic disturbances in the eastern States, also much outcry against the ruling power. The general condition of the country will be prosperous, but there will be much immorality brought to light and cases of cruelty to children. Mercury in the third house points to great activity in the postal departments, journalism, and railways, and much prosperity will be shown therein. New books and an increase of literature will be denoted. At San Francisco, Scorpio rises and Uranus will be on the cusp of the third house pointing to serious railway accidents, and trouble in shipping matters.

India.

At Calcutta, the luminaries are in the tenth house with Saturn, which is not good for the Viceroy, denoting a troublesome time. Neptune rising will cause much chaos in the country, and with Uranus in the seventh house there will be much unrest,

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fanaticism and revolutionary ideas being prevalent. Jupiter in the second is good for the revenue and there will be a large surplus in the Exchequer.

Australia.

At Melbourne, the sign Leo will be rising, and the lunation falls in the eighth house, but Jupiter is in the ascendant pointing to a successful month. The health of the people will not be good, some head affections being prevalent. Accidents in railways or a strike therein or in the Post Office may occur, and some great divorce case will create surprise as well as unusual interest. Educational matters will be active, and better steps will be taken for the upbringing of the younger generation.

Cape Colony.

At Capetown, the lunation rising will bring an evil time for trade and commerce and agriculture, and the Exchequer will be depleted and the financial aspect of the country in a bad state. The Cape Parliament will not have a good time, and will be in danger of defeat over financial and other matters. Traffic returns will be good, and the health of the people in a satisfactory state.

Europe.

This lunation is neither good for Germany or Italy, for Uranus will be on the meridian and the lunation rising. This points to strikes, involved action with other powers, and very grave dangers to the ruling monarchs. In Russia there will be much trouble and the Czar will be in a serious danger of assassination, in fact all rulers in Europe will be afflicted. France will benefit from the influence of Jupiter in Leo, and Italy should also benefit from the same planet. Earthquake shocks will be prevalent at the close of the month when the Sun forms the square of Jupiter, especially in the south of Europe, Asia Minor and Persia. The passage of Mars and Venus through Gemini in sextile to Jupiter and Saturn will benefit London but some fires are threatened toward the close of the month. A serious railway accident is probable in the middle of the month.

The Stock Exchange.

CONSOLS.—As there are sound reasons why this stock should advance, and certainly none for a decline, I judge an advance of a point or two on the month will be registered.

FOREIGN STOCKS.—I should be disposed to mark French Rentes, Brazil 4 per cent. and Argentines a few points up on the month. Spanish Fours are likely to lose their recent advance, which I regard merely as a banker's call. There is nothing solid in this Bond, and on the month I already mark it down.

AMERICAN RAILS.—A boom is in the wind, and will bring many shares up to better prices. So far, Louisvilles, Atchisons and Baltimores, seem to have a considerable bounce in them, notably the latter, for much support is promised them.

HOME RAILS.—Most shares will go hard on the month touching the worst figures on the 11th and 15th.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR APRIL, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

New Moon,	1st	...	5h. 2m. morn.
First Quarter,	8th	...	4h. 32m. aft.
Full Moon,	16th	...	4h. 55m. aft.
Last Quarter,	23rd	...	7h. 7m. aft.
New Moon	30th	...	3h. 33m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

The Sun is in Aries until the 20th, enters Taurus on that day at eleven minutes past twelve at noon.

MERCURY is a morning star all the month enters Aries on the 12th and Taurus on 29th.

VENUS is an evening star all the month, enters Gemini on the 6th. Splendidly situated for observation, setting more than 4 hours after the Sun; and is a conspicuous object in the north western sky.

MARS is an evening star in conjunction with Venus on the 3rd; close to the Pleiades, and on the following day the Moon will be in the near vicinity. Mars will enter Gemini on the 7th.

JUPITER is an evening star in Leo all the month.

SATURN is too near the Sun to be observed this month.

URANUS is in Capricorn; rises very early in the morning.

NEPTUNE is in Cancer, sets just after midnight.

The Weather.

The weather opens with wind and wet; downfall on 3rd, high winds on the 5th, changeable 7th; fine and warmer 8th to 12th, rainy 13th, cold and bleak 15th, milder to the 23rd then warmer with thunder 25th, cooler with showers at end of month.

Answers to Correspondents

VERO asks whether it is possible for the sign Libra to be rising at birth of a person born on Nov. 1st in any year?—This is a common error that many are falling into, owing to the impression that the sign in which the Sun is, is always the rising sign. Each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac rises at some time of the day, on every day of the year, and has a separate and independent influence from the sign held by the Sun.

JUPITER writes that on trying to obtain an answer to a question by the Delphic oracle given in these pages, at two different hours on the same day, the answers obtained were contradictory, and wants to know whether it was right to do this.—Asking the same question twice on one day seems to us to be playing with the oracle, more than having a real desire to know the result of an enquiry. If information is desired on any particular matter, one enquiry is sufficient, and a second one should certainly not be made, unless under very special circumstances.

Astrolabus and the Pre-natal Epoch

ON PAGE 119 of the March issue appeared a letter from our contributor, "Astrolabus," making certain comments and objections against the Pre-natal Epoch as a method of rectifying horoscopes, and a note at the foot of the letter to the effect that we would reply with an example horoscope.

We have, however, decided, upon consultation with the publishers, to reply to our correspondent privately, as we have no intention of making the MESSENGER a medium for the discussion of controversial subjects, and we shall in future answer all letters through the "Answers to Correspondents" column, or privately by post.

The subject of the Pre-natal Epoch is of too controversial a nature to be dealt with in our pages, and is by far too complicated and intricate to interest our readers, hence our resolve to deal with the matter privately.

It is, however, necessary for us to say, as a short reply to the letter, that "Astrolabus" is quite at sea in his comments, owing to the fact that he places an interpretation on the quotation referred to which does not belong to it, and that he confuses the simple process of Rectification (see Simmonite's "Arcana of Astrology," pp. 21 and 290), with the long and more complicated method of calculating a birth time from past events, two processes which are not the same.

We can also prove, and we hope to have the satisfaction of convincing "Astrolabus," that it is perfectly possible to calculate an estimated birth time by means of the Pre-natal Epoch *by itself alone*, and we have numerous instances in which this has been done and the correct horoscopes calculated and judged.

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Some Effects of Hypnotism.

HYPNOTISM is best known to the world under the name of Mesmerism; and the phenomena is practically identical. Mesmerism, after the curiosity which attended its first introduction had subsided, fell under suspicion of charlatanry. Some of its exponents professed to refer its effects to an occult influence passing from the operator to the patient. This explanation was incorrect; it embodied the further objection of opening a wide door to imposture. Consequently, like many other popular fancies, mesmerism passed through the several stages of acceptance, incredulity, and ridicule. Fortunately, however, its works did not perish with it, and amid a general scepticism some few were found who accepted the reality of its results, while rejecting the professional explanation of them. The researches of Mr. Braid dispelled the cloud of somewhat discreditable mystery which hung round the subject, by showing conclusively that the hypnotic state is really self-produced by the patient, though under the direction of the operator. Stated generally, it consists simply in an abstraction of the attention from all objects of consciousness, and a concentration of this faculty upon itself—in other words, it is initially a state of rapt attention, with nothing to attend to. In this condition the patient's will is completely in abeyance so far as its originative capabilities are concerned, and, like his consciousness, becomes slavishly obedient to external suggestions. It is easy to understand the difficulties in the way of directly producing the hypnotic condition. The immediate exclusion from the mind, not only of its perceptions, but of conscious volition, would demand an effort far beyond all ordinary powers of abstraction. Accordingly, various methods were adopted as preliminary means to the attainment of the requisite state of abstract expectancy. The patient was usually directed to concentrate his attention on some small and uninteresting object, sufficient to fix the attention without affording any adequate scope for its exercise. Herein lay the secret of the metal disc of the electro-biologists, the mesmeric passes, and the more familiar trick of mesmerising a person by making him watch the end of his little finger.

The subject is too large to admit of detailed discussion within the limits of an article; but it acquired a new interest from some experiments of Professor Heidenhain, an account of which is given by Mr. Stanley Hall. The methods employed by the Professor appealed mainly to the sense of touch. He would lightly stroke the ball of the patient's thumb, or subject him to a series of touches on the back of the neck. The experiments were conducted in Breslau; and Mr. Hall informs us that on one occasion "a long English sentence, *i.e.*, with extreme and grotesque inflexions, was repeated almost perfectly, in every detail, by an old workman in the hospital. The instant the finger is removed from the neck the repetition stops, often in the middle of a word." This closely resembles the well-known experiment in which an illiterate factory girl was found able, when hypnotized, to reproduce songs sung in her presence by Miss Jenny Lind, following her through all the intricacies of an elaborate chromatic passage with a most accurate imitation of execution and style. With some of his subjects the Professor succeeded in hypnotizing one-half of the brain and body apart from the other. The effect, as described by Mr. Hall, must have been most peculiar: "One half the face smiles, the other remains in the familiar immobile, waxy, cataleptic state. One arm and leg can be moved at will, the other not; one eye sees distinctly, the other imperfectly or not at all." When the right side is hypnotized, the patient is deprived of the power of speech; but this does not usually happen when the left alone is affected. This, as Mr. Hall observes, is quite "in accordance with pathological observations, which locate the speech-centre in or near the left cerebral convolution." A similar effect is of course common in cases of paralysis. It was even found possible to hypnotize one eye alone, with the effect of producing colour-blindness. It appears that this state is accompanied by a diminished circulation, and a cramp of some of the muscles of the eye. In some cases the muscles of accommodation became so intensely cramped as to enable the hypnotized subject to read type of "almost invisible fineness, at a distance of an inch or less from the anterior surface of the cornea." Various other results were obtained resembling those discovered by previous experimenters, and which therefore call for no special comment. They mainly corroborate the curious effect which muscular modifications have been observed to produce on the imagination of the hypnotized subject. Thus, if the hands be folded, the patient imagines himself to be in church; an appropriate manipulation, or a slight blow, persuades him that he is engaged in a fight, and calls into play all the angry passions, as well as a corresponding series of bellicose actions. Carpenter relates a case where two hypnotized subjects, being in the same room, one accidentally hit the other, whereupon a furious fight ensued, which, however, was immediately calmed by suitable muscular treatment. If a person in the hypnotic state be placed on his knees and the head depressed, he imagines himself engaged in an act of profound religious abasement; let the head be raised, and he is instantly transported into an ecstasy of adoration.

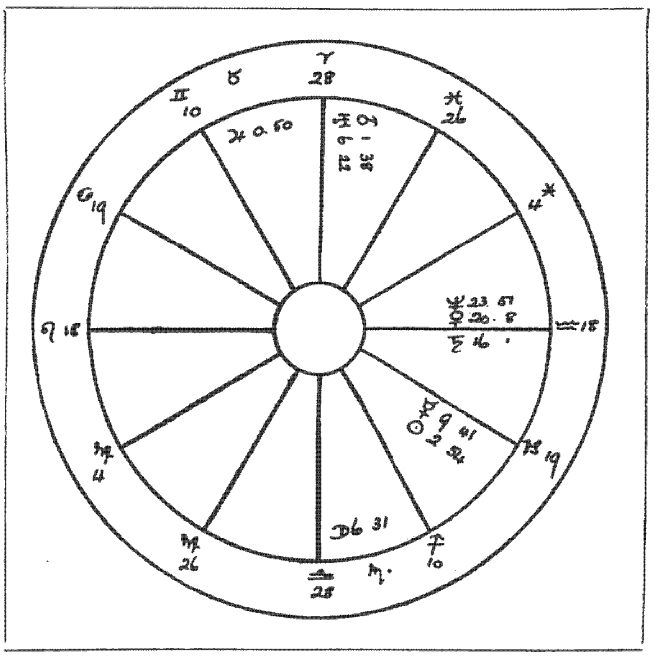
Without adopting in its entirety Mr. Hall's conclusion, that the results of these investigations are strongly confirmatory of "the fundamental assumption of psychophysics, that all the secrets of the soul are somehow or other bound up in those of the nervous system," men may cordially agree that they are likely to prove of considerable value in medical treatment.

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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

VII.—The King of Greece.

STUDENTS of Astrology are indebted to Raphael for the horoscope of the King of Greece. We are informed in his "Ephemeris" for 1899, that he obtained the time of birth from a correspondent who stated that it was given in Frederic's Diary as 7-30 p.m. although there was some doubt as to whether it was not half an hour later. We have, however, set the figure for the time first mentioned. The date is 24th December, 1845, at Copenhagen. The Greenwich time is 6.40 p.m. There are some conflicting influences in this horoscope, for although the Sun is in good aspect to both the Moon and Jupiter, the latter being elevated, it is in square to Mars and Uranus, and this denotes rashness, impulse and a tendency to act without thought and consideration. We have this exemplified in the war with Turkey, in 1897. Raphael, in his "Ephemeris" for 1899 speaks very pointedly on this matter. He says, "On examining the horoscope no one will feel surprised at the events of 1897. The position of Mars and Uranus in the ninth house with the Sun in square aspect, denotes a pig-headedness that is deplorable, stubbornness, independence and selfwill, and but little common sense. Fortunately for him Jupiter is well elevated, and the Sun in trine aspect. This position and aspect will always prove sufficient to 'save the situation,' that is, he will have powerful friends, who will get him out of his troubles. His fortunes in war are very poor. The planet Mars is in square aspect to the Sun and Mercury is near the square of Uranus. Saturn is just setting and near a semisquare of the Sun and Mars."



Still in spite of this, the King is a good ruler, and has the good of his subjects at heart. He his kind and generous, ambitious and aspiring, with good abilities for rulership. He is very energetic and can put any amount of ability and steam into what he does. He has plenty of tact and diplomacy, although the tendency to be rash and impulsive at times is shown. His horoscope does not show success in foreign affairs or in dealing with other countries, and his best endeavours should be in looking after the interests of his own country and people. The position of Mars and Uranus in the ninth with the planets setting are the indication of this, and if he succeeds in steering clear of any international complications during the coming years he will gain both in trade for his country and general prosperity.

Looking now at the influences operating in his horoscope we find that in 1897 when

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the war with Turkey took place the Sun was in parallel with Mars, and the Moon in the same aspect, while the solar orb had just passed the conjunction of Saturn. The Moon was also approaching the opposition of Mars.

At the present time most favourable directions are in operation. The Sun is in sextile to Jupiter, and trine the Moon, and this will augur well for the king and his country. It may bring national prosperity, increase of territory, and many beneficial results in the land. The year 1909 appears to be more favourable than the present, as the Moon will be conjoined with the Sun P., sextile Jupiter and trine to the Moon, while for several years ahead benefic directions will be operating. The only drawback is the eclipse of the Sun in December, 1908, which falls on his radical Sun, which will bring internal troubles and danger of war, as it falls in square to Mars, but the evil should be temporary only.

We may therefore expect much success for the King of Greece during the coming years of his reign.

TABLE TALK ON - - - - SUPERSTITIONS.

To open an umbrella in the house means to bring down a shower of trouble for the family in the house as well as for the individual who opens the umbrella. Even in choosing an umbrella in a shop care must be taken to open it from the side and not up and down, for it is far better to buy an inferior silk than to run the risk of ill luck that follows opening a new umbrella over one's head inside a building. Going under a ladder in the street is a risk of one's future, not to speak of the danger that the ladder may fall. To step with the right foot first on entering for the first time a new house will ensure such a happy life that it would seem foolish not to take the trouble. In visiting a strange house it behoves a guest to name the four corners of the bed with the name of some one of the opposite sex, and the first corner that is looked at in the morning will be the future bride or bridegroom, as the case may be. The fact of being married does not interfere with this, for second marriages are lucky. Salt spilt at the table is very dangerous, a warning that a quarrel will take place between two people seat d beside one another, unless a pinch of salt is thrown over the right shoulder. But to throw a pinch of salt over the right shoulder is tempting fate (since it is a preventive of matrimony), so it is now necessary to carry the salt three times around one's head, and then throw it over the left shoulder, and thus avert disaster. Amulets and charms of all kinds are far more fashionable now than they were, which seems to prove that as the world advances people attach more importance to antidotes. The crystal locket with the tiny gold rim has been every bit as popular as the rabbit's foot set in silver, which was supposed to ward off any possible evil from the wearer thereof. But the rabbit's foot has proved inefficacious, for few of them have ever been correctly gathered, so to speak, in a graveyard, at the dead of night, from the left hind foot of a rabbit, by one who was the seventh son of a seventh son, because the demand for rabbits' feet came so strenuously that it was absolutely impossible to supply the market with those which had all the virtues necessary in order to secure the desired results. Wearing the stone that is supposed to be, or is acknowledged to be, the stone of the month in which one is born, is another of the expensive superstitions, but it is an infallible one, and it seems worth while investing in even a minute sapphire, or ruby, or emerald, as the case may be. Much better luck attends anyone who can have a birth stone given them, rather than to buy it. In the matter of opals, the fact of their being birth stones does away with their ill-luck, and the jewellers are very positive now that it is perfectly safe to order opals, even if they are not one's birth stone, provided one's birth stone is also bought at the same time. It certainly sounds plausible, if it does savour of good business methods. There is much discussion now whether man or woman is the more superstitious, and statistics are being collected by some would-be accurate individuals to prove one side or the other. The latest report is that the men are the more superstitious, but it must be understood that this investigation is not conducted with the strictest oversight, and there may be some flaws in it. There is a growing superstition in favour of cutting the nails before breakfast on Monday morning in order to obtain a present before the week is out. Unfortunately within the last two months a serious controversy has been raised as to which is the correct shoulder over which the new moon should be seen in order to bring good luck.

Short Cuts in Palmistry.

Length of days are in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honour.—PROVERBS.

A broad hand indicates a kind and loving disposition. A very narrow thin hand indicates a spiteful and revengeful disposition. Long fingers denote patience and perseverance and vice versa. Fingers nicely tapered off at the tips denote artistic taste and refinement. Fingers rather square at the tips denote a practical and mechanical turn of mind. Knotty joints denote a thoughtful and philosophical turn of mind. A very soft smooth hand denotes a love of ease and comfort. The line of life runs round the base of the thumb, if long and clear, denotes long life. The line of head runs across centre of palm, if long and clear, denotes good memory. The line of heart runs across the palm, under the fingers, if long and clear denotes strong affection.

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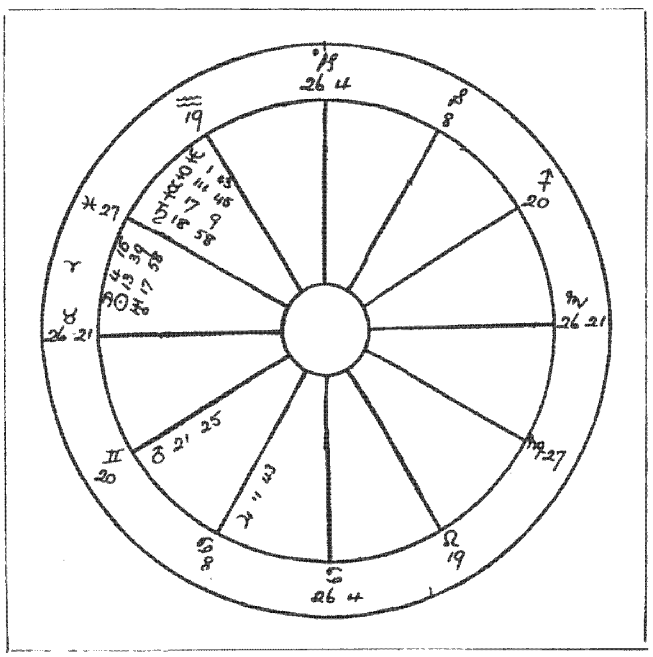
Peculiar Horoscopes.

Accidental Death.

No. 7.—Male born 3rd April, 1848, 7 a.m. in Lat 51. 16 N., Long 1. 20 E.
Killed on 14th September, 1853. Injured by the Shaft connecting Windmill and Engine Room.

THE case we have to deal with this month is a very sad one. It is the heroscope of a little boy, son of a country miller, who, while playing about the millyard, got his clothes caught in the connecting rod between the mill and the engine room, and was so severely injured that he died.

The horoscope is a particularly interesting one, as not only does it show clearly the danger of violence, but it gives directions suitable for the event, and what is more, shows a remarkable agreement with the prenatal Epoch. The correct time of birth is about two minutes before the recorded time.



The map for the time given above is appended. It shows the end of Taurus rising, and the Sun conjoined with Uranus, in Aries in the twelfth house. Neptune, Venus, Mercury and Saturn in Pisces in the eleventh, the three last named being in conjunction and square to Mars in Gemini. Jupiter is in Cancer in square to the Sun and Moon. The fatality is shown by the Sun being conjoined with Uranus, the dispositor of the two, Mars, being heavily afflicted by Saturn and Mercury. The Moon being also disposed of by Mars renders the evil greater.

The child was killed on September 13th, 1853, at the age of 5 years, 5 months, and 11 days. This turned into time and added to the birth time takes us to April 8th, 1848, at 5.44 p.m. At that time the Sun will have just passed the conjunction of Uranus, while the Moon will be about half a degree past the conjunction of Mars P.

If we turn to the Epoch, 25th June, 1847, six minutes past noon, we shall find the Sun on the meridian in square to Mars setting, and this planet nearly on the place of the Moon at birth. By direction from this figure we find the Sun had reached the square of Mars.

An interesting point occurs in this horoscope with regard to what is known as the progressed birthday. This child was born on April 3rd, and its fifth birthday would be in 1853, but if we add five days for the age it becomes April 8th, 1853, and on that day what do we find? The Sun and Moon conjoined in Aries 18°, the place of the evil direction of Sun conjunction Uranus in the horoscope and Mars on the place of the Moon at birth. The previous New Moon fell on Sept. 3rd, when Mars was square to the Sun P. and Uranus, while on the day of death the Moon was on the progressed midheaven and Saturn stationary close to the Asc. P.

MEDICINAL USE OF APPLES.—The acids of the apple are of singular use for men of sedentary habits, whose livers are sluggish in action, those acids serving to eliminate from the body noxious matters which, if retained, would make the brain heavy and dull, or bring about jaundice, skin eruptions, and other allied troubles. Some such experience must have led to the custom of taking apple sauce with roast pork, rich goose, and like dishes. The malic acid of ripe apples, either raw or cooked, will neutralise any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat. It is also a fact that such ripe fruits as the apple, the pear, and the plum, when taken ripe and without sugar, diminish acidity in the stomach rather than provoke it. A ripe, raw apple, is one of the easiest foods for the stomach to deal with, the whole process of digestion only consuming eighty-five minutes. Apples are not as satisfying as potatoes, because of their delicate elements, but eaten with meat, in place of tubers, they are a golden food.

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19th Century Miracle Workers.

Curative Effects of Mesmeric Will Power.

SOME time ago members of religious bodies publicly alleged that they had been the means of effecting many marvellous cures by faith; and a few days since we were informed of several apparent miracles which claim to have been instrumental in effect through intercessory prayer. A strange story of the Prince Hohenlohe, a "miracle worker," whose achievements excited great attention and much controversy throughout Europe some sixty years ago will be interesting:—

He was the eighteenth child of the Hereditary Prince Karl Albrecht. Dedicated by his pious mother from his birth to the service of the Church, he, at the age of twenty-one, was elected Canon of the Metropolitan Church of Olmütz, and ordained priest. In 1821, at Bamberg, he formed the acquaintance of a pious countryman, Martin Michel. The Prince was one day suffering acute pain in his neck, and his friend suggested to him that, as it hindered him in his sacred calling, he might, with child-like confidence, call upon God to remove the trouble. Michel then prayed for him, and the pain at once ceased. Shortly after this, June 19th, 1821, at Würzburg, the Prince sat at a table next his cousin, Princess Schwarzenberg, a young lady of seventeen, who since her eighth year had suffered from an affection of the spine. So great was her weakness that she was unable to stand or raise herself without an iron support, which she was obliged always to wear. The Prince's thoughts at once turned to his friend Michel, and two days later he introduced him into the presence of the Princess. As Michel prayed for her, the Prince, moved by a strong impulse, exclaimed, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk." She at once obeyed, left her bed without the aid of the mechanical supports, was dressed, and continued afterwards perfectly well. Naturally, the fame of this wonder-work spread rapidly. Within nine days (June 28th) the concourse of people from town and country was like the arrival of caravans. The house where the Prince was staying was surrounded from morning till night by multitudes of sufferers. Among other less illustrious patients, the Crown Prince was cured of deafness. A few days later the Prince left Würzburg for Bamberg. On the road he was met by several vehicles full of sick persons coming to ask the benefit of his prayers; he left his carriage and healed them. At Bamberg, two sisters, who had not left their beds for ten years, were restored to the use of their limbs. What is most remarkable is, that in an autobiography, written in 1836, Prince Hohenlohe, after describing, in the fullest detail, the healing of his cousin the Princess Schwarzenberg, says not a word of any further cures, though he mysteriously alludes to matters which he might reveal if his lips were not closed. "When the news of this remarkable event spread I was immediately surrounded by sick folk. Of this I can give no particulars. I have no word to say of what happened then; it is not for me to judge. I am a son of the Church, and I wish to remain her faithful son. After my death, Rome may judge if my life answered to my faith." It is not too much to infer from this that for some reason the ecclesiastical authorities saw fit to interfere, and that the Prince found his pretensions to miraculous powers discredited, or at least discouraged, by the Church. It is clear, however, that his activity did not cease at once, and that if any check to his proceedings occurred at home, his fame continued to spread at a distance. We fortunately possess a very full and detailed account of a cure alleged to have been wrought in England, written by a Protestant physician who had personal knowledge of the facts, and whose reputation, both as a medical practitioner and as a man of honour, was beyond all question. A few miles from the county town of Chelmsford stands a stately red-brick Tudor building, the one remaining wing of what was once a palace of Henry VIII., now, by a single turn of fortune, the home of a convent of Augustinian nuns, originally refugees from Liege at the time of the French Revolution. It has been for many years a favourite place of education for the upper class of English and Irish Roman Catholics. Among the nuns in the year 1820 was Miss Barbara O'Connor, called "in religion," Sister Mary Aloysia Gonzaga, at that time thirty years of age. On the 7th of December this lady was suddenly attacked with pain in the ball of the right thumb. The pain rapidly increased, and was succeeded by swelling of the whole hand and arm as far as the elbow. The ordinary medical attendant of the convent, Mr. Barlow, treated it apparently as an ordinary case of inflammation. At length Miss Gerard, the Lady Superior, bethought herself of the fame of Prince Hohenlohe, and applied to him for his good offices. In a letter from Bamberg, dated March 10th, 1822, he directs that on May 3rd, Miss O'Connor, having first confessed and communicated, should with true repentance, Christian love, and a boundless faith, join her prayers to those which he would at the same hour—eight o'clock—offer up on her behalf. It happened that on May 2nd the convent was visited by Dr. Badeley,* a physician then practising at Chelmsford, and he was asked to see her. Nothing was said to him as to what was proposed for the morrow, of which, indeed, he was in entire ignorance till eleven days later. He found the hand and arm greatly swollen, the fingers apparently distended almost to bursting, and the

* Dr. Badeley's eldest son was also an accomplished physician, and succeeeed to his father's practice. His second son, Edward, was a well-known barrister, much engaged in ecclesiastical cases: his speech as counsel for the Bishop of Exeter in the Gorham case was regarded as most able. After the decision in this case, he followed his friend, Cardinal Newman (who has dedicated to him a volume of his sermons) into the Church of Rome. He is mentioned more than once in Canon Mozley's recently-published letters.

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wrist measuring 15 inches in circumference. This is an important feature in the case, as giving unimpeachable medical testimony of the condition of the patient on the very day preceding that fixed by Prince Hohenlohe. The next morning Miss O'Connor attended the ordinary Mass of the convent, at which she and all the Sisters communicated; and towards the end of the service, experiencing no relief, she ejaculated, "Thy will be done, O Lord; Thou hast not thought me worthy of this cure." Almost immediately she felt an extraordinary sensation in her arm; the pain left her; and from that moment the swelling gradually subsided, though it was some weeks before the hand resumed its natural size and shape. Dr. Badeley writes: "I did not see her again till the 11th. Then it was that I first heard of the application to the Prince. Upon being informed that I was in the convent, she came into the room, to my great astonishment putting her hand behind her and moving her fingers without pain, and with considerable activity, considering the degree of swelling, the hand and arm having hitherto been immovable, and constantly supported in a sling. I immediately exclaimed, 'What have you been doing?' 'Nothing, I declare,' she said, 'except following the instructions of Prince Hohenlohe.' She then took a pen, and wrote very legibly at my request."

A lively controversy ensued concerning the genuineness of this cure. Dr. Badeley published a detailed account of the case, in which he clearly and unreservedly testifies to the cardinal facts—(1) that on the 2nd of May, Miss O'Connor's hand and arm were in a frightful state of distension and inflammation, and perfectly useless; (2) that up to this time the malady had for seventeen months resisted all the available resources of medical and surgical skill; and (3) that eleven days later she was able to move her fingers and write, and that she herself declared upon her honour that she had done nothing but obey the injunctions of Prince Hohenlohe. The interest excited by the case is proved by the fact that in October, 1823, an article appeared in the *Edinburgh Review*, written in the well-known trenchant style of the early writers in that periodical, in which the whole matter is treated as unworthy of serious discussion, and is met with such phrases as "the gossip of a convent parlour," "hocus-pocus work," "fictions worthy of a dark age," "wondermongers," and the like. Other anonymous writers quoted by Dr. Badeley declared their opinion that "Miss O'Connor's case is a piece of deceit from beginning to end," "a fraud on the public." A reply to the Edinburgh article was published by Dr. Milner, the well-known Roman Catholic Bishop, in the *Catholic Miscellany* of December, 1823. He had seen and conversed with Miss O'Connor, and he appends to his letter one received from her about three weeks before, in which she furnishes some additional and highly-interesting details of her malady and cure. "Surgeon Barlow (a Protestant) saw my hand on the 5th of May, and almost fainted with surprise; he declared in the presence of Mr. Reeve, Mr. Marest, of Canford, etc., that it was a wonderful interference of Providence. . . . The swelling began to subside instantaneously, and was visibly seen to diminish; before night it had diminished five or six inches round the wrist; there appeared no swelling at all at the end of four or five days." The author of Dr. Milner's life, Provost Husenbeth, adds that he accompanied Dr. Walsh, the successor of Dr. Milner, to the convent at New Hall in the summer of 1827, five years after the cure of Miss O'Connor. "She was sent by the reverend mother to make tea for us, and two or three other visitors, that we might have amble opportunity of seeing and conversing with her. She was perfectly well and very cheerful; and her conversation was agreeable and edifying. Miss O'Connor's hand and arm remained perfectly well until her death, which took place on the 22nd of May, 1837, fifteen years after her cure, and in the forty-fifth year of her age."

One other alleged cure is worth relating, though it rests not on medical testimony but on the authority of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. It is the case of Mary Stuart, of the Convent of St. Joseph, Ranelagh. According to the Archbishop's statement in a Pastoral Letter to the clergy and laity of his diocese, "she had been afflicted with sickness for the space of four years and seven months, suffering from frequent attacks of paralysis, each of which seemed to threaten her with immediate dissolution. For seven months she had been confined to her bed, wholly deprived of the power of assisting herself, or of moving out of the position in which she was laid; when moved by her attendants, how gently soever, she not only suffered much pain, but was also liable to great danger, and to the temporary loss of speech; and for the last five weeks she had lost the power of articulation. Up to the morning of the 1st inst. she continued in this deplorable state, without any symptom of amendment, and apparently beyond the reach of human aid. On a certain hour that morning, as had been settled by previous arrangement, she united her devotion (as did also her numerous friends) with the holy sacrifice of the Mass, which was to be offered by Alexander, Prince of Hohenlohe; with this view she received, though with much difficulty, the Divine Communion at the Mass, which was celebrated at the same hour in her chamber for her recovery. Mass being ended, and no cure as yet effected, she was in the act of resigning herself, with perfect submission, to the will of God, when instantly she felt a power of movement and a capability of speech; she exclaimed with an animated voice, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts," raised herself without assistance, to offer on bended knees the tribute of her gratitude to Heaven, called for her attire, left that bed to which she had been for so many months, as it were, fastened; walked to the convent chapel with a firm step, and there, in the presence of the community and congregation, joined her religious sisters in the solemn thanksgiving which was offered up to God." The Archbishop adds, "As soon as this statement reached us, we hastened to the spot to investigate the circumstances of this astonishing cure. We found the late invalid seated in her parlour surrounded by her friends; she arose, she knelt, she resumed her seat, she detailed the history of her sufferings and cure. Her companions and attendants confirmed this account in all its details."

On the theological and ecclesiastical aspect of these events it is not necessary or desirable to say

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much. The most devout Roman Catholic will admit that the credit of the Church is in no way pledged to Prince Hohenlohe's power of working miracles; and the most sceptical Protestant will hesitate to class him with the vulgar charlatans of whom this age has seen too many.

The facts, *mutatis mutandis*, so clearly resemble those of "Faith-healing" in later days and other religious latitudes, that we shall probably not be wrong in commending the case to those who are engaged in the investigation of psychical phenomena, as one of the many data out of which they will have to construct a theory of the relations between mind and body. It would be easy, if it were necessary, to adduce instances of wonderful cures similar to those wrought by Prince Hohenlohe, the common feature in all of them being the requirement of firm faith on the part of the patients. In the words of Dr. Carpenter, "That the confident expectation of a cure is the most patent means of bringing it about, doing that which no medical treatment can accomplish, may be affirmed as the generalised result of experiences of the most varied kind, extending through a long series of ages."—*Gloucester Chronicle, April 17th*, 1886.

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Beginning in March when the Sun enters into Aries, or the Ram, and so taking each month in turn, it gives the signs of disposition, temper, and marriage prospects of all those born in the several months, under the twelve signs of the Zodiac. There is much more interesting matter in the book besides "The British Astrologer," in fact the contents at one time formed a 5/- book, but it is reprinted in cheap form. Many prefer to receive this through the post in envelope privately, and it will be sent in plain closed envelope for 8d., to any address, by the publishers, Messrs. Foulsham and Co., 4, Pilgrim Street, E.C.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

VI.—Astrology in the Middle Ages.

WE will now take a brief glance at the position of the science in the Middle Ages. We have dealt with its earlier history, and in our last issue gave a sketch of Lilly and the science in his days.

We have not sufficient space to deal with all the "stars" of the science who flourished on the Continent and in our own land, so that we must pass them by with a bare mention of their names. We read of Nostradames, the French physician and astrologer, who died in 1566; also of Jerome Cardan, who was born at Pavia, in Italy, on 24th September, 1501. In 1524 he went to Padua, and the same year was admitted a Master of Arts, and in the next a Doctor of Physic. In 1552 he was sent for by the Archbishop of St. Andrews, who he cured of a dangerous disease. On this occasion he passed through London, and being well skilled in Astrology, was engaged to calculate the nativity of King Edward. He was alike famous as a philosopher, medical man, astrologer and mathematician. He died at Rome on 20th September, 1576.

We then come to Morin de Villefranche, who lived a little later, and whose works on the science are important. Then come Placidus de Titus, the author of the Primum Mobile, and of the system of directing known as the Placidian. We also read of Kepler, Tycho Brahe, Dr. John Dee, Drs. Mead and Blagrave, Sir Elias Ashmole, Flamstead, Ramsey, Drs. Goad and Partridge, all of whom were noted for their skill in astral knowledge. Dr. John Butler, Rector of Litchfield, may be cited as an instance of "a strong mind unable to shake off the delusions from which a Bacon and a Kepler had not been free, which a Napier professed and practised." This Dr. Butler actually studied the science for the purpose of writing a work to refute it, but he was so struck with its truth, that he wrote a work in support of it.

Flamstead, the first Astronomer Royal, did not consider it to be detrimental to his dignity "to erect a figure with circles and squares on it" in order to ascertain a propitious time for laying the foundations of Greenwich Observatory.

The poet Dryden may also be cited as a believer in Astrology. We are told that he was not only partial to the principles of the science, but that he was accustomed to calculate the nativities of his children. He foretold danger of an accident to one of his sons in his thirty-third year, which proved correct. This individual was drowned at Windsor while swimming across the Thames, having survived two severe accidents, happening respectively in his eighth and twenty-third years, both of which disasters his father had also predicted for this son's figure of birth.

Towards the end of the Seventeenth Century, Salmon, author of the "Soul of Astrology," Dr. John Gadbury, who published the Nativities of King Charles the First, of Sir Matthew Hale, and others, as well as Mr. Partridge and Coley, wrote upon the astral science. In the year 1701, the first English translation of Ptolemy's Tetrabiblos appeared under the name of the Quadripartite. Another edition appeared in 1786, but both of these were marred by numerous blunders. Previous to this, in 1698, we hear of Francis Moore, the physician, whose Almanac is still in existence.

The science was in an enfeebled state during the whole of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Probably it was much practised in private, but the professors were scarce. Mr. Partridge seems to have been the most orthodox authority amongst his contemporaries. Among astral writers during this period, mention is made of Dr. Sibley, whose "Solar Tincture" is still in existence.

A curious anecdote is recorded of the science and the Earl of Sandwich, when he was First Lord of the Admiralty. A squadron of Men-of-War had been missing for some time, and much alarm was felt for their safety. Many questions were put in Parliament respecting the matter, and the Earl himself was questioned upon the subject without being enabled, even with the assistance of his cocked hat, to give any satisfactory information as to the fate of the squadron. At length an astrologer erected a figure of the heavens, and told his Lordship that provided he would bring in a Bill to abolish the punishment of transportation, which then attached to the practice of astral science, he would give information respecting the missing ships. The Earl agreed to the proposition, and the artist reported that they were safe, and that the despatches would be received at a particular time, and they arrived safely as predicted.

Speaking of the science in our own country, the author of "The Story of Astrology," which was reviewed in our January issue, states:—

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

VII.—Marriage.

THERE is probably no subject so important in the lives of all of us as marriage; and, when viewed from an astrological point of view, the practical uses of the science are brought out in a most remarkable manner. A great deal has been written by astrologers, both ancient and modern, on the subject of sex affinity and marriage, and many views and theories have been put forward in regard to the joining together of couples whose horoscopes are harmonious and in concord. It has been said that if astrology were universally studied there would be no divorce courts, for the science would not bring together incompatibles.

Happiness or misery in married life is in the mind. This according to William Cobbett, of whom the reference to Waverley may remind some of our readers: "It is the mind that lives, and the length of life ought to be measured by the number and importance of our ideas and not by the number of our days."

Trebly truthful is this sentiment when *two* minds are dove-tailed together for better and for worse during life. But will astrology in its widest practical sense help us to escape from evils shown in our respective horoscopes in regard to this subject?

Take, for instance, a man with Uranus in the seventh house. Suppose he chooses a wife whose horoscope harmonises with his. Is it feasible to suppose that he will escape the evils denoted by his own horoscope? If a woman's horoscope denotes trouble in love through men whose influence is evil to her, is it likely that she will be attracted to those who will be favourable and honourable to her?

The question is one which requires consideration. It does not necessarily argue that because evil is shown in marital life that we must sit still and allow that evil to eventuate, nor must it be supposed that it is possible to avoid the evil by choosing one whose nature is in harmony with our own. There is no fatal power in the stars, yet it would seem that the allwise Creator who made us to be born at a time when evil influences affected the seventh house had a definite purpose therein, and I doubt the power and ability of any man to avoid having to face that evil at some time of his life.

At the same time, it is a fact that choosing a partner whose horoscope harmonises with our own will mitigate the evil between the two, and enable the stormy waters to be passed safely through. But it will not in any way alter the trend of the horoscope in this particular direction.

I am probably giving voice to opinions that may not receive the corroboration of others; but I am of this opinion, that whatever evil is shown in our horoscopes, whether it be in profession, money matters, or in this particular subject of marriage, it is our bounden duty, as men and women subject to the natural laws which govern our lives, to face that evil and successfully pass through it. What is it there for? Where comes the truth of astrology if an evil influence in the horoscope does not fall out in the life somewhere?

This of course may be said to be a fatalistic view, but it is not so. There are no such things as an absolute and irrevocable fate. There are certain things in the horoscope which have to be met and a certain amount of fate to be passed through; and even in this subject of marriage, if evil is denoted in the horoscope in connection therewith, it will come to pass, no matter what care is taken to choose a partner whose nature and life are in harmony with our own. But (and here is the pith of the whole matter) by choosing a partner in accordance with the laws laid down by astrology we may mitigate the evil shown, and two natures working in harmony may stand together against the evil and successfully combat it.

For an example. Suppose separation is indicated in a horoscope. A partner is chosen astrologically. At a certain time in life that evil will show itself. It is an evil which will have to be met. But the two lives being harmonious, the danger can be met side by side and overcome To suppose that because the partner is chosen astrologically the evil will be eradicated is to put forward a view which is utterly irreconcilable with the principles of the science.

I have chosen this manner of introducing this subject for reasons of my own, as in the next issue I propose to show more fully the manner in which astrology can be applied to bring together those who are harmoniously connected. And in doing this it will be necessary to refute some of the cheap theories which have been put forward in this respect.

The laws which govern this subject are those laid down by Claudius Ptolemy in his "Tetrabiblos" nearly two thousand years ago, and are the same now as they were in the olden days.

If my readers will turn to page 59 of the December MESSENGER and read the interesting article on "Astrology for Lovers," they will find the laws of Ptolemy therein. In my next article I propose to show how these laws can be put into operation.

Teacher: "What is the spinal column, Johnnie?" Johnnie: "It is a string of bones in your back, and your head sits on one end and you sit on the other."

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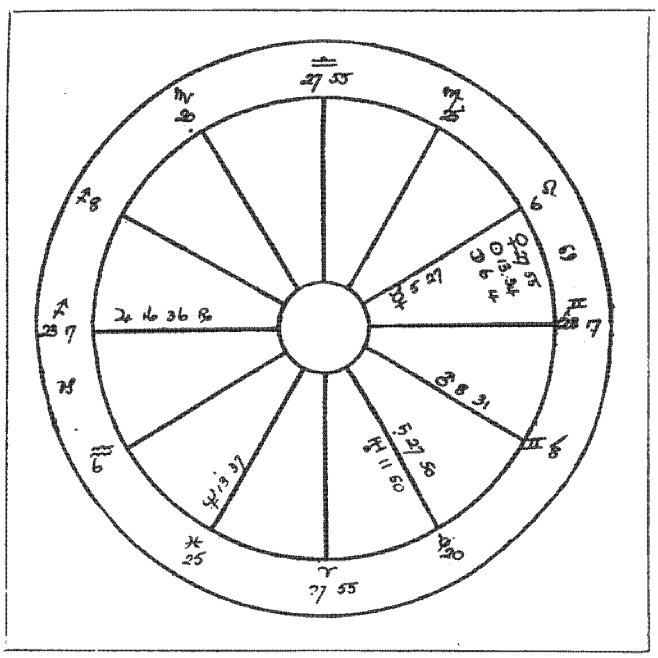
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—VII.

The Late Rt. Hon. C. J. Rhodes.

THE late Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes was born at the vicarage of Bishop Stortford on the 5th July, 1853, at about seven o'clock in the evening.

The time not being exact it has been rectified by the pre-natal Epoch, and the resultant time is 6h. 48m. 13s. p.m., for which time the horoscope is cast.



It shows Jupiter rising in the sign Sagittarius, and the luminaries conjoined in Cancer in the seventh house, in trine to Neptune and sextile to Uranus. This position of the luminaries in Cancer, the sign ruling Africa in benefic aspect to these planets, indicates the extraordinary success obtained in that part of the world.

The degree held by the Moon is one of peculiar significance. It is symbolised according to Charubel as "I see a large tract of land mapped out and enclosed with posts and rails; divided into what are intended for a farm and homestead in the near future. This denotes one possessed of boundless resources; an adventurer; a person who generally accomplishes what he purposes. His speculations are successful." What can be more appropriate to the life of this extraordinary man that the significance of this degree?

The horoscope is, however, one which does not appear to pourtray the life and character of this great man. With only Jupiter rising and the majority of the planets setting, one would not have expected that Rhodes would have risen to such a prominent place in the world, to be an empire builder in fact, but his fame is shown more in the position of the planets in cardinal and fixed signs, the former giving the ambition, energy and skill, the latter the plodding persistence of purpose, which brooks of no delay or hindrance.

We will, however, concern, ourselves with some of the chief events in the life of this remarkable man.

When about 17 years of age his health gave way and he suffered from a serious affection of the lungs which seemed likely to prove fatal, and in June, 1870, he sailed for Durban in South Africa. The change was beneficial, and in 1873 he returned to England, but a severe chill brought on a recurrence of the lung complaint and he again went to South Africa.

The lung trouble is indicated by ♂ in ♊ in the sixth house, and the direction in force in the 17th year was Asc. R. par ♂ P. This direction remained in force for several years, and the second attack was due also to its influence. His voyage to Africa took

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place under M.C. △ ☉ R. and M.C. △ ♆ R. In 1881 Rhodes took his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Oxford University, under the directions M.C. par ♀ R, M.C.R. △ ♂ P., ☽ ☌ ☉, ✶ ♅, △ ♆. Shortly afterwards he met General Gordon (also a Sagittarian), and a strong friendship grew up between the two. In 1885 he became Treasurer General of Cape Colony, and the following directions were then in operation :—

☊ P. △ ♃ P. ☽ ☌ ☉ P. △ ♃ P. ☽ R. ✶ ♀ P. M.C. △ ♀ P. Pre-natal. M.C. ✶ ♀ R. M.C. △ ♄ R. ☉ P. par ♃ P. In 1890 Rhodes reached the summit of his fame—the Premiership of Cape Colony, which office he held until 1896. The directions in operation in the former year were as follows :—

Post natal M.C. △ ☿ R. ☉ P. par ♅ R. ☽ ✶ ♀ P. △ ☽ R. △ ☉ R. ☉ R. ✶ ♀ P.

Pre-natal M.C. △ ♄ R. ☉ P. ☌ ♂ R. ☽ ✶ ♅ R. △ ☽ R. ☉ △ R. ☉ R. ✶ ♂ P. ☉ R. par ♃ P.

The Boer war broke out in October 1899, and Rhodes was shut up in Kimberley for nearly five months. At this time the ☉ was separating from the square of the radical Saturn, while ♂ was slowly approaching the Sun's radical place.

Cecil Rhodes died on the 26th March, 1902, at Muisenburg, near Cape town, at 5.57 p.m., at the early age of 48 years, 8m., 21 days.

The following directions were then in operation :—

Post natal. ☉ P. □ ♄ P. within 1°. ☽ par ♆ R. ☉ R. ☌ ♂ P. within 2°. ☽ □ ♀ R. Asc. R. par ♂ P. within 10′ ☽ on cusp of 4th house.

Pre-natal ☉ P. ☌ ♄ R. within 1° ☽ □ ♃ R. ☿ P. ☌ ♂ P. ☽ □ P. □ ♂ P.

It is interesting to note the fact that the direction of the Sun to the square of Saturn was brought into action in the year of death by the 48th synodic lunation which occurred at 2.9. a.m. on 23rd May 1857, when the Moon was in 26° 21′ ♉ on the place of Saturn at birth, while at the same date Mars had returned to his radical place. At this time also the Moon's radical place was on the cusp of the fourth house.

Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure.

1	15 ♈ 15	An unfavourable day for all purposes.
2	29 23	A doubtful day. Attend to correspondence in afternoon.
3	13 ♉ 9	Good day for travel, enterprises, new affairs, etc., but avoid women.
4	26 30	Avoid females in afternoon, deal with elderly people; ask favours after.
5	9 ♊ 26	A splendid day for social affairs, business, new enterprises, etc.
6	21 58	An unfavourable day; sign no papers and be careful in speech.
7	4 ♋ 12	Attend to social duties after 12 noon. Evil for other things.
8	16 12	An evil day. Avoid travelling, strangers and superiors.
9	28 3	Business and correspondence in the morning, make new plans later.
10	9 ♌ 52	Social and business matters before 3 p.m. After that keep quiet.
11	21 42	A good day for enterprise, and dealing with superiors.
12	3 ♍ 40	An evil day for all purposes, make new plans.
13	15 48	A good day for travel, enterprise, and original schemes.
14	28 9	Evil for everything. Avoid worry and sign no papers.
15	10 ♎ 46	A changeable day. Keep quiet and avoid business and papers.
16	23 38	An unfavourable day. Avoid giving offence to superiors.
17	6 ♏ 44	Avoid business affairs in the morning; deal with superiors later.
18	20 4	Travel in the morning; avoid letters and elderly people.
19	3 ♐ 35	Deal with moneyed people, and attend to social matters from 10 to 2.
20	17 15	A doubtful day for all purposes. Keep very quiet.
21	1 ♑ 4	Avoid travel and strangers. Deal with superiors just before noon; keep quiet later.
22	15 0	A dangerous day. Do not travel; keep very quiet.
23	29 2	A generally unfavourable day for all things.
24	13 ♒ 10	A good day for enterprises, and business matters.
25	27 23	Evil for all things, especially money matters.
26	11 ♓ 39	Morning, quiet; afternoon, avoid disputes; evening, deal with elders.
27	25 54	Avoid social matters and attend only to ordinary affairs.
28	10 ♈ 4	A doubtful day. Start no new undertaking.
29	24 5	Generally favourable for business and correspondence.
30	7 ♉ 52	In the evening deal with correspondence and psychic people.

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Birthday Influences during April.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♈, ☌ ☉, □ ♆, □ ♅, P ♄. An evil anniversary, changes, difficulties and disasters, the health will require attention. A child born on this day will have a chequered career and will end his days in poverty and wretchedness.

2. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♈, par ☉, par ☿, □ ♆. An unfavourable year, financial losses, plots and schemes, worry and anxiety. Benefits in employment. A child born on this day will be restless, prodigal, wasteful, and should always remain in employ and never start on his own.

3. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♆, △ ♅, ✶ ☿. A beneficial year, changes, travel, activity and commercial benefits. Females should be discreet in dealings with other sex. A child born on this day will be clever, too fond of the opposite sex, and liable to disgrace, will benefit by travel and adventure.

4. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♉, ☌ ♀, ☌ ♂, ✶ ♄. An evil year for love affairs, danger of disgrace, but benefits in employment and through elderly people. A child born on this day will be trustworthy and reliable, but too fond of the other sex to his detriment.

5. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♃. A favourable year, with social and financial advantages, gain and promotion. A child born on this day will be clever and businesslike and will rise to a good position in life.

6. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ☉, □ ☿, P ♂. An unpleasant year, danger of scandal and disputes, benefits in employ. A child born on this day will be rash and impetuous, often in trouble and disgrace, but will benefit in the employ of others.

7. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♋, □ ♄, par ♅. An evil anniversary, unpleasant and sudden changes of an adverse nature, much opposition and trouble. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life and will barely make ends meet.

8. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♆, ☍ ♅, □ ☉. A year of many changes and vicissitudes, plots and schemes, illhealth and disappointments. A child born on this day will be restless and unsettled, always out of employment, and will end his days in poverty.

9. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♋, △ ☿, ✶ ♂, ☌ ♃, △ ♄. An active and enterprising year, many changes, benefits, improvement of position and new responsibilities. A child born on this day will be clever, active, honest and trustworthy, will rise in life to a good position and have the respect and confidence of superiors.

10. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♌, ✶ ♀, par ♃. A favourable year for social and financial matters, love affairs will prosper and some promotion is shown. A child born on this day will have a happy and prosperous career and gain popularity and social esteem.

11. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♌, △ ☉. A favourable anniversary, gain through superiors and in employment, also promotion and material benefits. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, will gain in employment and rise in life.

12. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, □ ♂, □ ♀. An unfavourable birth, many losses and troubles, danger of disgrace, accidents and bereavements. A child born on this day will be enterprising, but too rash and impulsive and liable to suffer much at the hands of women.

13. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♆, △ ♅. A beneficial year, many changes and removals, benefits through strangers and in employment. A child born on this day will be original, inventive, romantic and mediumistic, and will gain the favour of superiors and advance in life.

14. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♍, ☍ ☿, ☍ ♄, ✶ ♃. An unfortunate year, worries, anxieties, limitations and hindrances, much mental worry but gain through friends. A child born on this day will be dull and sottish, slow at learning, but will gain through the help of friends and superiors.

15. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♎, □ ♆ & ♅, △ ♂ & ♀. A doubtful anniversary, many untoward changes and worries, but benefits through enterprise and the other sex. A child born on this day will have a chequered career, many ups and downs, drawbacks and opportunities, but will gain through pluck and energy, and the other sex.

16. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♎, ☍ ☉. An unfavourable year, danger of loss of employment and disgrace. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, should never undertake responsible posts, but remain always in employment.

17. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, △ ♆, □ ♃, par ☉. A changeable year, financial loses, heavy expenses, benefits through superiors and in employment. A child born on this day will be inspirational and mediumistic, extravagant in living, but will gain through the help of friends and superiors.

18. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♅. A changeable year, benefits through strangers, but many little worries and hindrances. A child born on this day will be clever and original, restless but inventive. He will be inclined to worry and be anxious about trifles.

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19. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♐, △ ♃ & ♄, ☌ ♂. A beneficial year, benefits in employment, advancement and promotion, but danger of litigation. A child born on this day will rise in life and hold some responsible position, but will be apt to be hasty, impulsive and sarcastic.

20. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♐, ☌ ♀, △ ☿. A changeable year, much activity, but many disappointments, financial loss and discredit. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, but will never attain much success and will have trouble with the opposite sex.

21. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♑, △ ☉, □ ♄, par ♂ & ♅. An evil anniversary, danger of accident and bereavement, but benefits through superiors and employment. A child born on this day will be rash, hasty, irritable, and ambitious, but will always do best in the employ of others.

22. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♆, ☍ ♅, □ ☿. An evil year, changes, scandal, worries and annoyances. A child born on this day will be wayward, whimsical, erratic and thoughtless, will make no headway in life, and end his days in poverty.

23. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♑, □ ☉, ✶ ♄, ☌ ♃. A doubtful year, danger of loss of employment and heavy expenses, but gain through elderly people. A child born on this day will be extravagant and irreligious, will do well to remain in employ of others, by whom he will benefit.

24. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♒, △ ♂, par ♃, △ ♀. A good year, improvement of position, increase of remuneration and successful intercourse with the other sex. A child born on this day will be active, energetic and enterprising, will gain through the other sex, but should be careful of extravagance.

25. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ☿, ☉ □ ♃. An evil year, many loses, financial and social, danger of loss of employment. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, but will lose financially and may be ruined through rash speculations.

26. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♓, ✶ ☉, △ ♆. ✶ ♅, □ ♂. A favourable year, benefits in employment, changes and improvement of position, but danger of law and disputes. A child born on this day will be original, inventive, popular, and will rise in life, but should guard against law and quarrelling.

27. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♓, par ☿ □ ♀. A changeable year, some active, removals, and mental benefits, but disappointments and grief. A child born on this day will have a quiet and eventful life, will never be very successful and should always remain in employment.

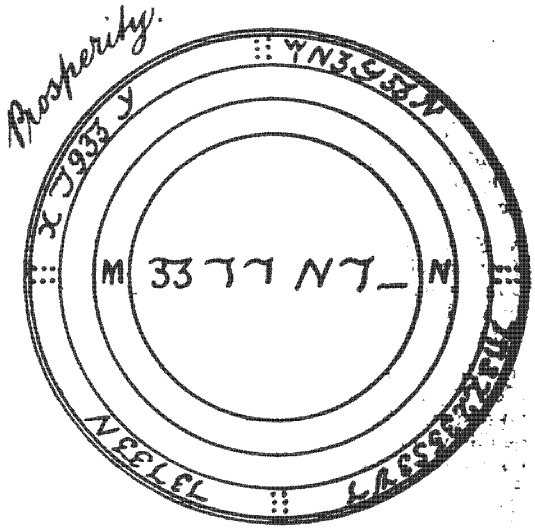
28. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♈, ☌ ♄, △ ♃, □ ♅ & ♆, ✶ ♂. A year of ups and downs, benefits and promotion, unfavourable changes and reversals, but generally active. A child born on this day will have much to contend with, will do well to remain in employment and never undertake responsibilities.

29. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♈, ✶ ♀, ☌ ☿. An active and joyous year. Love affairs will prosper and business increase; generally successful. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, refined and artistic, and will excel in either art or literature.

30. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♉, □ ♃, ☌ ☉, ✶ ♆. A doubtful year, some important changes, but heavy losses and increased expenses. A child born on this day will be extravagant, vain and conceited, will not attain to much fame, and have many difficulties in life to contend with.

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Where to go for Health, Wealth and Happiness.

By ASTROLABUS.

A GOOD many people will soon begin to think of emigrating and trying their fortune in another land. Some of the readers of OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER may be among those who are making up their minds in this way.

But, for a person who has a horoscope promising good fortune in the land of his or her birth, such an action is almost suicidal. If anyone has the good planets in elevation in their nativity, or, say, Jupiter in the ascendant, second or fourth houses, they should not even begin to think of leaving the land of their birth. But take the nativity like the one given here of a lady born 5.45 p.m., 10th December, 1862, near London. R.A.M.C. = 23 hr. 1 min. 50 sec. 14° of Pisces on the mid-heaven 15° 28′ of Cancer rising. The positions of the Planets are as follow:—Neptune in 1° 30′ of Aries; Mars in 13° 53′ of Aries; Uranus in 18° 44′ of Gemini; Moon in 6° 21′ of Leo; Saturn 4° 25′ of Libra; Jupiter 21° 50′ of Libra; Mercury in 11° 46′ of Sagittarius; Venus in 18° 27′ of Sagittarius; Sun in 18° 29′ of Sagittarius.

In this we find the evil planets Neptune, Mars, and Uranus elevated above the earth. The other bodies are all below the horizon. The Sun's opposition with Uranus is much more evil than if the relative positions of the Sun and Uranus were reversed—that is, if Sun had been in elevation instead of Uranus. The Sun has the conjunction of Venus, while Jupiter is in sextile with both of them; but the Sun and Venus are in the sixth house, about the worst position for this splendid configuration, since all it can do there is to ensure her creature comforts.

The Moon has the sextile of Saturn and the trine of Mercury. The position occupied is that of a superior servant, and she has a fair amount of money saved. Suppose this lady were to desire a better position in life, it would be necessary for her to go to some part of the world where the R.A.M.C., at the moment of her birth, would bring the aforesaid fortunate points of the horoscope into prominence. As it is, she has not married, solely owing, I believe, to the affliction of Sun by Uranus, the latter being in elevation. But, were the Sun and Venus elevated, say, to the M.C. in any north latitude between that of New York and London, the map would be very different. Take the latitude of 51° 32′ N., and erect a map with a Right Ascension of the mid-heaven of 17 hrs. 7 min. 49 secs., giving 18° of Sagittarius culminating and 0° 0′ of Pisces rising, the places of the planets as given above remaining the same. This R.A.M.C., 17 h. 7 min. 49 sec., taken from R.A.M.C. at London 23 h. 1 min. 50 sec., leaves 5 h. 54 min. 1 sec. This means that the local time of the place chosen must be 5 h. 54 min. 1 sec. *earlier*, and, consequently, it must be sought for West of the birthplace. Multiply the difference in time by 15. This gives 88 deg. 30 min. 15 sec. of West Longitude in Latitude 51° 32′ N.

On reference to a map, we find that the Province of Ontario—about the centre of it—in Canada, is the locality indicated. A map for 40° 43′ N., the latitude of New York, is not vastly different; and then the locality indicated would be Illinois, U.S.A. Thus there is a choice of places between Illinois, U.S.A., and the Province of Ontario, in Canada, along the meridian of 88½ W.

The map as altered would give for marriage, Jupiter in the seventh house, Mars trine Venus and Sun applying to the sextile of Jupiter. The social position Sun and Venus on the mid-heaven. Fairly good money prospect with Mars and Venus both holding power in the second house, Sun and Venus being in conjunction on mid-heaven, while both are in trine to Mars, the lord of the second or house of wealth. Good health, since Sun is in trine with Mars and Moon in

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the 6th in sextile with Saturn and trine with Mercury, while she is going to the trine aspect with Mars, the latter being in the ascendant. Above all, Sun, Venus, Mercury, and Jupiter elevated above the evil planets, would lessen the evil in the natus to a minimum. The worst point is Uranus on the cusp of the 4th house in opposition with Sun. This shows estrangement from kindred. In other words, another version of "Get thee out from thy father's house and thy father's kindred, etc., etc."

It is not always that a horoscope may be altered thus by removal to another part of the world so as to give health, wealth and happiness. In many cases one locality may be best for health, another for wealth, and again yet another for happiness. It remains for the inquirer to choose, then, which he would rather have.

Clairvoyance and Crystal Gazing.

HYPNOTISM is certainly the quickest and best known way at present of developing Clairvoyance, and some of the best mediums in America were developed by this means. An American practitioner says "I have developed many in a few weeks, old and young, that by other methods would have required years. I am not writing on theory, but practice; there are thousands who possess this and other wonderful faculties that only require a little knowledge and help to develop, and sometimes while treating my patients, some of the least suspected, after putting them in the condition a few times, will, to my surprise, commence to diagnose my body. A boy of 15 years of age who I have treated several times, to my surprise cried out, 'Well, I never saw human brains before, and they are moving.' I then tested him, and he described the contents of my pockets."

This matter is dealt with more fully in "How to Mesmerise," by James Coates, 1/3 by post, of the publishers, and some useful information given for self-development.

Crystal gazing is a very ancient method of developing the Clairvoyant vision, and is practised in many parts of the world now. I have found this a very helpful and satisfactory exercise. It is cheap, anyone can try it; if you don't see anything it will benefit you another way, for it will steady your nerves and help you to concentrate. Crystals are quite inexpensive and easy to obtain. For black mirror, wrap the crystal in a piece of black silk, and concentrate your vision on the exposed top, that is just as good as the best magic mirror. Now then, seat yourself comfortably, place the crystal upon the table, or hold it at such an angle as to avoid the reflection of your face. By gazing steadily for five or ten minutes the crystal will appear a milky or hazy colour, this being caused by fatigue of the physical organs of vision. When the fatigue is complete, the inner vision will assert itself. Then faces an other scenes will appear in the crystal. A few trials will prove this a valuable method. Thoughtful experimenting will open the vision of the soul. Keep imagining you can see something; have patience, you will succeed; keep the body still; don't hurry. Try this ten minutes each day as near as possible the same time. Some will see at once; some require a few sittings, some a dozen, some never see at all.

NATIONS HYPNOTISED.

"Thou shalt do no murder."—Ex. xx., 13.

"For all they that take up the sword shall perish with the sword."—Matt. xxvi., 52.

"Kings and emperors are surprised and horrified when one of themselves is murdered, and yet the whole of their activity consists in managing murder and preparing for murder. The keeping up, the teaching and exercising of armies, with which kings and emperors are always so much occupied, and of which they are the organisers, what is it but preparations for murder?

"The masses are so hypnotised that, though they see what is continually going on around them, they do not understand what it means. They see the unceasing care kings, emperors and presidents bestow on disciplined armies; see the parades, reviews, and manœuvres they hold, and of which they boast to one another; and the people eagerly crowd to see how their own brothers, dressed up in bright-coloured, glittering clothes, are turned into machines to sound of drums and trumpets, and who, obedient to the shouting of one man, all make the same movements; and they do not understand the meaning of it all.

"Yet the meaning of such drilling is very clear and simple. It is preparing for murder. It means the stupefying of men in order to convert them into instruments for murdering.

"And it is just kings, and emperors, and presidents who do it, and organise it, and pride themselves upon it. And it is the same people whose special employment is murder-organising, who have made murder their profession, who dress in military uniforms, carry weapons (swords at their side), who are horror-struck and indignant when one of themselves is killed.

"What must indeed be going on in the head of some William of Germany when any silly or horrid thing he may say is always met with an enthusiastic 'Hoch!' and commented on as if it were something very important by the Press of the whole world? He says that soldiers should be prepared to kill their own fathers in obedience to his command. The answer is, 'Hurrah!' He says the Gospels must be introduced with a fist of iron; 'Hurrah!' He says that the Army must not take any prisoners in China, but kill all, and he is not placed in a lunatic asylum; but they cry, 'Hurrah!' and set sail for China to execute his orders."—LEO TOLSTOI.

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Mother Shipton.

THIS remarkable woman was born at Knaresborough, in Yorkshire, in July, 1488, and died at Clifton, Yorkshire, in 1559, she was baptized and christened Ursula Southill. She married Anthony, commonly called Tony Shipton, a builder, and it was commonly reported in the district (this being the dark days of ignorance, superstition, priestcraft and cruel witchcraft) that she was the offspring of The Devil and Agatha Shipton.

She was evidently a gifted clairvoyant, a visionist, a dreamer of dreams, and she had the name over a large district of being a prophetess and was consulted by the people of all classes. She evidently gained the respect of the people and ruling classes, as otherwise it would have been impossible for her to clear herself from the charge of witchcraft, when at this time it was not safe even for the man of advanced science to shew his knowledge. Something may count, however, in the fear there was of offending such a person who could command the powers of darkness to do his bidding, as the people imagined.

Mother Shipton's Prophecies, which have been so strangely fulfilled, were discovered in a worm-eaten manuscript in an old Yorkshire mansion. They were deciphered with difficulty by the vicar of the parish and given to the world in the local newspapers; now they have become table-talk all over the world.

Her epitaph still exists and runs thus :—

Here lies one who never ly'd,
Whose skill has been often tried;
Her prophecies shall still survive,
And ever keep her name alive.

THE PROPHECIES.

1. Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe.
2. Primrose Hill in London shall be,
And in its centre a Bishop's See.
3. Around the world thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye.
4. Waters shall yet more wonders do,
How strange, yet shall be true.
5. The world upside down shall be,
And gold found at the root of trees.
6. Through hills men shall ride,
And no horse or ass by their side.
7. Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, and talk.
8. In the air men shall be seen
In white, in black, and in green.
9. A great man shall come and go!
Who will live with the poor and help their woe,
Sign of blood his crown shall be,
And head of a mighty army, he.
10. Iron in the water shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
11. And gold shall be found
In a land that's not now known.
12. Fire and water shall more wonders do,
England shall at last admit a Jew.
13. The Jew that was held in scorn,
Shall of a Christian be born.
14. A house of glass shall come to pass
In England. But alas!
15. War will follow with the work
In the land of the Pagan and Turk.
16. And State and State in fierce strife
Will seek each other's life.
17. But when the North shall divide the South,
An Eagle shall build in the Lion's mouth.
18. Taxes for blood and for war
Will come to every door.
19. Three sad times shall lovely France
Be led to play a bloody dance.
20. Before her people shall be free
Three Tyrant Rulers shall she see:
21. Three Rulers in succession see,
Each spring from different dynasty.
22. Then shall the worser fight be done,
England and France shall be as one.
23. The British Olive next shall twine,
In marriage with the German Vine.
24. Man shall walk over rivers and under rivers.
25. All England's sons that plough the land,
Shall be seen book in hand.
26. Learning shall so ebb and flow,
The poor shall most wisdom know.
27. Waters shall flow where corn shall grow,
Corn shall grow where waters doth flow.
28. Houses shall appear in the vales below,
And covered by hail and snow.
29. The world then to an end shall come,
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety One.

THE KEY TO THE PROPHECIES.

Her prophecies shall still survive
And ever keep her name alive.

FULFILLED PREDICTIONS.

1. Bicycles, motors, railways, and all mechanical and electric traction.

2. Primrose Hill is now surrounded by houses; at that time it was in the country. She never saw it.

3. Electric telegraphy, Marconi's system, etc., a message girdles the world in a few seconds.

4. Water used for lifting by hydraulics, lifts, for lighting up cities by acetylene, etc.

5. The trade of the world is to be done at The Antipodes. Gold is found now in the forests of Central Africa, and Klondyke, and other places.

6. Tunnels through mountains all the world over and tube railways in the cities.

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7. Divers working under water and living in submerged boats.

8. Air-ships and balloons, and general aerial navigation.

9. The great man we think is General Booth, a marvel who controls a world's army of all colour and language by love. No other man can manage a million men and make them ready to starve or die for salvation of the world. When the General passes, then the world will know it.

10. Iron ships of war and floating palaces for tourists, notably the great battleships, Cunarders, etc.

11. Gold in Alaska and other new countries, Rhodesia, Australia, etc.

12. Fire makes steam power to drive machinery. Water power of Niagara is now largely used for commercial purposes.

13. Jews now enter parliament, become Lord Mayors, and are titled and hold many positions of power, and are respected. Jews are blending very much now with the Christian population in marriage. Lord Beaconsfield was a case in point like many others.

14. The Crystal Palace at Sydenham, at one time a wonder and visited by all nations and peoples.

15. The wars in Turkey, Africa, and China are evident and caused by missionary mischief makers.

16. The United States in Civil War was brother against brother fighting for about four years.

17. This seems to point to the friendship of Britain and the United States; or does it mean that a President or Statesman shall wed an English Princess? Let us not be surprised at this as we get democratic.

18. Taxes for blood and war, 1s. 3d., shared by all, both rich and poor, notably the South African 250 million war.

19. Three epochs of France—St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, The Bloody Revolutionary Madness, The Commune Blood Feast of Anarchy.

20 & 21. Three destinies—Robespierre, The Bourbons, The Bonapartes.

22. The friendship between England and France will come, and with the goodwill and love for us in America the world's peace is assured.

23. Britain and Germany have already become very closely allied in marriage, and though commercial rivals, both are sensible of the blessings of peace.

24. Men and women are constantly using the bridges and the Thames tunnel.

25 & 26. Education is now the birthright of everyone born in this country. In olden times it was criminal to teach the lower classes, and this was fostered by the clergy, who till quite recently have always been the enemies of advancement socially.

27. The sea has covered many cornfields round our coasts, but thousands of acres in Lincolnshire and other places have been wrested from the sea.

28. It would seem that Mother Shipton gives another Ice Age before the End.

29. And then, says Mother Shipton, all the prophecies having been fulfilled, there is nothing further to live for; so, naturally—

THE END.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

The New Moon.

The New Moon for the month occurs on April 30th, at 3.33 p.m., when the beginning of Libra will be rising, and the luminaries conjoined in the eighth house in square to Jupiter, foreshadowing the deaths of great men, legal and divine, as well as Parliamentary. The lunation falls close to the place of Venus at the ingress, which should indicate a Royal birth or betrothal, but otherwise this position is very unfavourable for Royalty and Parliament. The position of Venus ruler of the map shows a better state of affairs as regards the country generally, the national exchequer, and colonial matters, although the position of Mars in the ninth house denotes some disputes in the Colonies, to do probably with postal affairs. Saturn in the seventh would appear to bring a danger of disputes with Germany, but as Jupiter is in trine to that planet it may bring about an important treaty or agreement. The square of the Sun and Mercury with Jupiter is an augury of angry debates in the Commons, especially to do with religious and financial matters. Neptune in the tenth is not good for Royalty, and would denote an increase of the Socialistic element in the realm. Saturn crosses the lower meridian of the figure of the Vernal equinox soon after this lunation and this will be very evil for agriculturists, and may bring shocks of earthquakes in our country.

United States.

At Washington, Jupiter rises in Leo, and with the Sun and Mercury in square it points to financial troubles, depreciation of securities, and much trouble in official circles. Heated debates will occur in the Senate, and the President will have a troublesome time to face. Uranus in the sixth points to an increase of suicides, as well as trouble in the navy. At San Francisco, Mars will be exactly rising, and rioting and bloodshed will occur, as well as some large fires. A crisis will occur in financial circles. There will be much crime and disorder.

Melbourne.

At Melbourne, the lunation occurs in the third house, pointing to heavy expenditure in connection with railways and the postal service. Saturn in the second will deplete the revenue, while there will be much trouble in educational matters owing to the evil influence of Neptune in the fifth. The birth-rate will decline. The health of the people will not be good, heart troubles being prevalent. Some serious fires are threatened in the city.

India.

At Calcutta, the lunation occurs in the fifth house, denoting mortality among children and young people. Jupiter in the eighth house signifies the death of some

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important judge or divine, while Saturn close to the fourth cusp is an indication of seismic disturbances close to the capital. The revenue will be deficient. Some important marriage will occur. Mars close to the seventh house warns the Viceroy of an outbreak or disorders in the western parts of the Empire.

The Cape.

At the Cape, Scorpio rises, with Mars in the eighth house house pointing to much mortality from fires and accidents. Lung troubles will be prevalent. Saturn in the sixth is evil for the general health of the people. The lunation falls on the cusp of the seventh house which does not augur well for the peace of the country. Sedition will be prevalent, and the resignation of the Cape Ministry is probable.

Europe.

At Berlin and Vienna, Neptune will be close to the meridian and Uranus opposite thereto. This will cause much sedition in the land, attacks against the ruling powers and much unrest among the people. Russia will benefit as Jupiter holds the meridian at this lunation and being in trine with Saturn will benefit the people generally. Money affairs will tend to make disputes. England and Germany will suffer from the effects of Saturn in Aries, the ruling sign of the country, but the worst is yet to come, for so long as Jupiter keeps in trine with Saturn, the evil will be lessened, but this aspect will soon pass away and then there will be much evil in the land. France and Italy will benefit, though there may be some religious disturbances and financial troubles. Earthquakes are threatened in the south of Europe, Asia Minor and Persia soon after this lunation.

The Stock Exchange.

CONSOLS and the like will continue to rise during the month.

FOREIGN STOCKS.—European Bonds will not move, except Russians, which will have a set back.

HOME RAILS.—As there must be movements here, even artificially, to give insiders their living, Brightons will be the best for a rise. It will be talked up several points, but all Home Rails will come to a lower level.

AMERICAN RAILS.—Here is the best market for investors. Such a boom is talked of as will carry the best lines over the record points. Baltimores at anything under 100 should be a certain nest-egg. They will probably go to 130 and pay a 7 per cent. dividend in 1909.

Astronomical Phenomena

FOR MAY, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	8th	...	11h. 23m. morn.
Full Moon,	16th	...	4h. 32m. morn.
Last Quarter,	23rd	...	0h. 17m. morn.
New Moon	30th	...	3h. 15m. morn.

Planetary Positions.

The Sun in Taurus until the 21st, enters Gemini at two minutes before 12 at noon on that day.

MERCURY is in Taurus at the beginning of the month; enters Gemini on the 13th and Cancer on the 30th; well placed for observation as an evening star during the latter half of the month, setting about two hours after the Sun.

VENUS is an evening star, enters Cancer on 5th; well placed for observation all the month.

MARS is an evening star in Gemini, enters Cancer on the 22nd.

JUPITER is an evening star in Leo all the month.

SATURN is a morning star in Aries all the month.

URANUS is in Capricorn, rising about midnight.

NEPTUNE is in Cancer, gradually nearing the western horizon at sunset.

The Weather.

There will be a spell of warm weather during the month, variable at 3rd, windy and stormy 7th, mild with fogs about 8th to 13th; fine middle month. stormy 27th, but fine and warm at end.

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The Oraculum; or Egyptian Divining Chart.

"THE ORACULUM" or "Egyptian Divining Chart," which having been habitually used by the Emperor Napoleon as a reliable system, is commonly called Napoleon's Book of Fate, has many spurious and stupid counterfeits of the genuine work, which has the thirty-two double pages headed by the Oracular Tarot signs; a folding chart with 32 columns of Tarot signs and geomantic characters to match the Oracles; and also 32 mometous consultative questions. The price is 3/6 neatly bound in cloth or 1/3 in paper, and can be had of W. Foulham & Co., 4, Pilgrim Street, E.C.

The work is translated from a manuscript, in the German language, which was found among the camp equipage belonging to the Emperor of France, when he retreated from Leipzic, after the defeat of his army, in the year 1813. It fell to the lot of a Prussian officer, who, ignorant of its great value, sold it for a few Napoleons to a French general officer, then a prisoner of war in the fortress of Koningsburg. This gentleman, aware of its great importance, and knowing from Napoleon's arms, which were emblazoned upon it, that it once belonged to his imperial master, was resolved on his return to France to present it at the Tuilleries; but he did not live to accomplish this purpose; for, although his medical attendants gave him every hope of recovery from his wounds, their efforts to restore him to health proved unavailing, and he died soon after from mortification which took place after amputation of the right arm.

By will, hastily drawn up, the personal effects of this officer were transmitted to his family, who were enjoined to take the earliest opportunity of putting the manuscript in question into the Emperor's own hands; but Napoleon's manifold occupations, both civil and military, from time to time, prevented this.

During the early part of Napoleon's ostracism in St. Helena, means were found of conveying the manuscript to the Empress, who unfortunately never had an opportunity, although she eagerly sought for it, of sending it secretly to her husband. After his death her Highness gave the translator her imperial permission for its publication in the English language.

Regarding the purpose which Napoleon had in view in the private perusal of this work, it is necessary to inform the reader; but, previous to this, it will be proper to state the manner in which he himself became possessed of it.

It is well known that, it 1801, many French artists and literati accompanied the First Consul in his famous expedition to Egypt, for the purpose of exploring the antiquities of that celebrated region, where once flourished the arts and sciences in greater perfection than in any other country in the world, the most civilised nations of Europe in the present day, not excepted. At the head of the "Commission of Arts" was M. Sonnini, whose travels have since excited so much attention. This gentleman having succeeded in perforating a passage into the interior chamber of one of the royal tombs in Mount Libycus, near Thebes, found therein a sarcophagus, in which was a mummy of extraordinary beauty, and in fine preservation. Having examined this curiosity very minutely, he discovered, attached by a peculiar kind of gum to the left breast, a long roll of papyrus, which having unrolled, greatly excited his curiosity on account of the hieroglyphics which were painted on it.

M. Sonnini published a description of these tombs, which are of the most astonishing structure. M. Sonnini hastened to the First Consul, whose curiosity, likewise, being much excited by viewing this hieroglyphical treasure, sent for a learned Copt, who, after an attentive perusal, discovered a key whereby he was enabled to decipher the characters. After great labour, he accomplished this task, and dictated its contents to Napoleon's secretary, who, in order to preserve the matter secret, translated and wrote them down in the German language.

The First Consul, having consulted the German translation of the roll regarding some transactions in his own life, was amazed to find that the answers given corresponded strictly with what had actually occurred. He accordingly secured the original and translated manuscripts in his private cabinet, which ever after accompanied him, until the fatal day of Leipzic above mentioned. They were held by him as a sacred treasure, and are said to have been a stimulus to many of his grandest speculations, he being known to consult them on all occasions. Before each campaign, and on the eve of every battle or treaty, Napoleon consulted his favourite Oracle. His grief for the loss of this companion of his private hours, was excessive; and it is said that, at Leipzic, he even ran the risk of being taken, in his eagerness to preserve the cabinet containing it, from destruction.

In a list, drawn up in Napoleon's own hand-writing on a blank leaf prefixed to the translated manuscript, are to be seen the following questions, as put to the Oracle, with their answers, as received, by that illustrious man. They are here selected, from among many others, on account of the very strong analogy, I might say identity, which exists between them and some of the most important actions of his life.

QUESTION 15. What is the aspect of the seasons, and what political changes are likely to take place?

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Cross Keys.) "A conqueror, of noble mind and mighty power, shall spring from low condition; he will break the chains of the oppressed, and will give liberty to the nations."

QUESTION 12. Will my name be immortalised, and will posterity applaud it?

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Pyramid.) "Thy name will be handed down, with the memory of thy deeds, to the most distant posterity."

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QUESTION 8. Shall I be eminent, and meet with preferment in my pursuits:

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Pyramid.) "Thou shalt meet with many obstacles, but at length thou shalt attain the highest earthly power and honour."

QUESTION 12. Will my name be immortalised, and will posterity applaud it?

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Castellated Mansion.) "Abuse not the power which the Lord giveth thee, and thy name will be hailed with rapture in future ages."

QUESTION 30. Have I any, or many, enemies?

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Hand and Dagger.) "Thou hast enemies, who, if not restrained by the laws, would plunge a dagger in thy heart."

QUESTION 15. What is the aspect of the Seasons, and what political changes are likely to take place?

ANSWER. (Hieroglyphic of Castellated Mansion.) "The wings of the eagle of the North will be clipped, and his talons blunted."

Regarding the personal application of the above answers to the Emperor, there can be no difference of opinion; indeed, when he aspired to the imperial throne, he was actually transported with rapture and amazement, when he read the words contained in the answer to Question 8, viz.: "Thou shalt meet with many obstacles, but at length thou shalt attain the highest earthly power and honour."

To return to the subject of the manuscripts themselves. What became of the original papyrus is not known, but it is supposed that from the frailness of its texture, it was destroyed in the general pillage. If, however, it should be in existence, the present proprietor is hereby earnestly entreated to deposit it in the Imperial Museum at Vienna, where he shall obtain a receipt for the same in due form. In the care of the administrators of the Museum, he is required to leave a sealed letter, containing the demand of money, which he feels himself entitled to, in the way of remuneration.

It remains now to say something respecting the nature and quality of the answers which are contained in the "Book of Fate." In the first place, then, respecting the nature of the answers, it will appear that most of these have a direct reference to the manners and customs of the present age.

In the second place, regarding the quality of the answers, I have to observe that they are of five kinds, viz., positive, mandatory, presumptive, admonitory, and conditional. As examples, I shall select five (that is, one of each quality), from among seventeen, which have been returned to various persons who consulted the Oracle since it has been in my possession.

First, then, of the positive. It was asked (Question 17), by a gentleman, "Will my beloved prove true in my absence?" The answer returned was (Hieroglyphic of the Plough), "The affections of the being whom thou lovest will be placed on none other but thyself."

Example of the mandatory. It was asked (Question 6), "Shall I make, or mar, my fortune by gambling?" The answer was (Hieroglyphic of Cross Bones), "Be warned! from henceforth, never play for money, nor money's worth."

As an example of the presumptive, it was asked (Question 28), "Shall I ever find a treasure?" The answer was such as to leave no doubt on the consulter's mind that he should find a treasure; but at the same time it contained such good counsel as to the application of it as was absolutely required by a man of his circumstances and disposition. It was (Hieroglyphic of Fasces), "When thou findest a treasure, teach thy tongue to be silent; and see that thou makest good use of thy riches."

To exemplify the admonitory, I may give an instance of a lady who consulted the Oracle in the following words (Question 24), "Inform me of all particulars relating to my future husband." The answer was (Hieroglyphic of the Bow and Arrow), "Consider well whether thou oughtest, at present, to change thy condition in life."

Lastly, as an example of the conditional answers, I select the following. It was asked (Question 19), by the mother of a large family: "After my death will my children be virtuous and happy?" The answer was (Hieroglyphic of the Ladder), "In the training of thy offspring, let thy discipline be strict, but not severe; lose no opportunity of improving their understandings, and in the plenitude of their happiness they will bless thee."

Another quality which pertains to a few of these answers, is the close affinity which seems to exist between them and some of the most favourite moral axioms in use among the civilised nations of antiquity; but is this to be wondered at, when we consider that Egypt had long been the residence of the Hebrews, and that it had been overrun both by the Greeks and Romans, who afterwards formed settlements there? It cannot be doubted, therefore, that the Hebrews not only retained the arts which they saw cultivated and learned in Egypt, but also that their priests became possessors of copies of books which were in use in the temples. That the Greeks and Romans did so is beyond speculation; for it is well-known (being asserted by Herodotus and other historians) that all the Oracles, afterwards established in the states of Greece and elsewhere, owed their origin to books found in the Egyptian temples, which were pillaged and plundered upwards of 3,000 years ago. That these books were mere transcripts of the original copy of the work now given to the world, there can likewise be no doubt; consequently, the inference is a fair one, that the moral axioms, above spoken of, were borrowed from these books, and that, being greatly admired by the literati of those days, such passages were afterwards transplanted into their own works as original.

The "Book of Fate," in its English dress, is adapted to all conditions of life; and persons of every rank and capacity have an opportunity of consulting it.

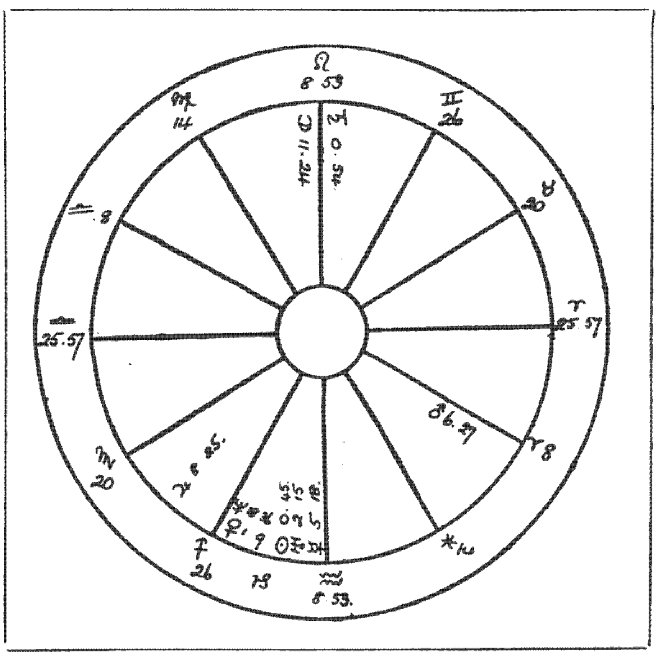
An ideal meal could be obtained from cheese, bread, and an onion. Half a pound of meat and one pound of vegetables or bread is sufficient food for a man for 24 hours. Brown bread is more nutritious than white. Fat meat is especially good for consumptive people. Chicken can be easily digested, but not geese or ducks. Eggs are nourishing and easily digested. Fish, except cod, is good for convalescents.

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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

VIII.—The Late King of Sweden.

WE append on this page the horoscope of the late King of Sweden. It was only at the fall of last year that the time of birth of this distinguished monarch was known to us, we having tried to obtain it from several different quarters but without success. We were informed by a student of astrology in Sweden, that the late King was born at Stockholm, on Jan. 21, 1829, at 0.45 a.m., the authority for this time being a noted Swedish Astrologer. We must confess somewhat to disappointment at the horoscope, being hardly what one would have expected to find. The Sun, ruler of the tenth, is afflicted by Saturn and Uranus, the former being elevated, while the ruler of the horoscope, Venus, is in Capricorn in square to Mars. Certainly the Sun applies to the sextiles of both Mars and Jupiter, and these are both in their own houses, consequently they tend to strengthen the figure, and the Moon is the most elevated planet and is in trine to both Mars and Jupiter.



As the subject of our sketch is now dead, we will concern ourselves with some of the chief events of his life. He ascended the throne on September 18th, 1872. The Moon was then in sextile to Venus, and Jupiter by converse motion was in sextile to the Sun.

It is a point of interest to students to note that directions by the postnatal method in this horoscope are very weak, but when taken by the prenatal measurement, each day before birth counting one year, the directions for the events are very pointed. Thus in this case by the usual method the Sun was in square to Jupiter, but by the reverse method Jupiter was in sextile to the Sun R.

This is again exemplified in the directions operating at death. By the usual method the Sun was directed to the square of Neptune, and it is to this influence that we can also attribute the loss of the crown of Norway. But taking the reverse method we find that the Sun was directed to the square of the Moon, and that Mars was within two deg. of the square of the Sun P. and the opposition of the Moon R.

It is also interesting to note that the Moon by postnatal direction had passed the semi-square of Saturn, and Sesquiquadrate of the Sun, Uranus and Mercury during the few months prior to death.

In this horoscope we have again exemplified the action of Synodic lunation. In the one previous to the accession to the throne the Moon was in the fifth degree of Aries, conjoined with Mars, trine to Jupiter and the Moon, and sextile to Mercury.

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In the 78th Synodic lunation which took place on 14th April, 1835, at 1.14 a.m., the Moon was in the fourth degree of Scorpio, in square to the Sun, Moon, Saturn, Uranus and Mercury. Acting on the radical evil, and on the evil solar direction mentioned above.

We shall be glad if the correspondent who obtained the time of the late King's birth will endeavour to obtain those of the present King and his eldest son.

The End of the World.

DR. LOWELL, the American Astronomer, has much to say concerning the end of the world. The subject is very interesting, as we all have vested interests. From time to time during the last few centuries, there have arisen many self-constituted prophets, who have fixed the very date. They have also described the circumstances under which the calamity would take place. The world has already (in prophecy) been destroyed many times and in strange and terrible ways. But the dates have passed peacefully, and the anticipated has not happened, so we have learnt in this sceptical age to distrust the Baxters, Old Moores, and Mrs. Shiptons. When science puts on the prophetic robes, however, we are bound to give ear. Hitherto the popular notion of the scientific conception of the end of the world has been burning with fierce fire, either caught from another planet or raked up from the world's own inwards—for the popular mind is somewhat hazy on the point—or starvation in excessive cold, due to the poles coming to find us in despair of our ever finding them. Dr. Lowell's theory is far different. In the "Century Magazine" he tells how all nature will be swallowed up by the ever-spreading desert. There will, he says, be no seas. The water caught up into clouds will, for a time, spread a cooling shadow as it floats around, and will then disappear. Hither and thither wretched man will turn to find shelter from the fierce rays of the sun and moisture in the parched earth. He will become a "big living brain" and nothing more.

Dr. Lowell prognosticates on the strength of Mars, to whose constitution and astronomical teaching he has devoted so much attention. In Mars, he declares, we discover in full control a condition which is but in its infancy on earth. "Five-eighths of it all is now an arid waste, unrelieved from sterility by surface moisture or covering. Bare itself, it is pitilessly held up to a brazen sun, unprotected by any shield or cloud." The Martians, we gather, have cut their canals without avail, To the condition of Mars "the earth must come." Already Saharas are possessing themselves of its surface "with steady if stealthy stride." The only comfort which Dr. Lowell gives is that the end is far off, though "as fatalistically sure as that to-morrow's sun will rise."

We suggest an inquiry into the possibilities of man reconciling himself to the state of things now foretold. Physiology will declare it is absurd to dream of man's living without water. But man has adapted his bodily frame to a good deal. It may be that, if water were withdrawn from the globe by a process extending over thousands of years, it would not be missed.

Lacking extraordinary evolution of this highly problematical kind, man would be driven - so much is at least pretty certain—farther and farther into the regions of eternal ice and snow. With the mind's eye we may see the human race trespassing first on the country of the Laplander, then by degrees on the region where the polar bear now roams in undisputed mastery, and finally on the precincts of the great and mysterious poles. Driven by the sun's rays, we, or rather our far-away descendants, will retreat into cooler places, and, as these in their turn grow too warm, into still cooler, till the last block of ice has gone and the last spot of water evaporated. The last man, it is obvious, will be he who has the least thirst.

Mother Shipton's Prophecy of the Time of "The End."

SIR,—With regard to Mother Shipton's prophecy of the time of the "end," does it not seem very probable, from *general* and *special* indications, that a mistake has been made in transcribing the last line, "nineteen hundred and ninety-one?" It is stated that the prophecies were found in a "worm-eaten manuscript, deciphered with difficulty," and first given to the world in the very inaccurately printed local newspapers of years ago. I would suggest, therefore, one of the following terminations of the prophecies as far more probably the one intended:—

1. Nineteen hundred and nine to one, or,
2. Nineteen hundred and nine be done. That is, in both cases, the "end" is to come in 1909, and 1910 begin the new era, or,
3. Nineteen hundred and nine and one, meaning 1900 and 9+1, or 1910, as the end of this dispensation and the beginning of the new.

Seeing that the present strain of the competition in armaments cannot be increased much further; that universal peace (as opposed to a most burdensome armed force), in which man will learn war no more, so that there can be no further fear of it, is not likely to be brought about in spite of 10,000 Hague Conferences, except as the result of the humility and wisdom begotten by the terrible Armageddon, for which the nations have so deliberately armed themselves mostly to a man, and that the horoscopes of all the principal rulers of the earth betoken this universal conflict and debacle immediately to hand, one or other of these renderings will probably be found to be the correct one, on closer scrutiny of the original manuscript, if not too defaced.

March 27, 1908. ARIES.

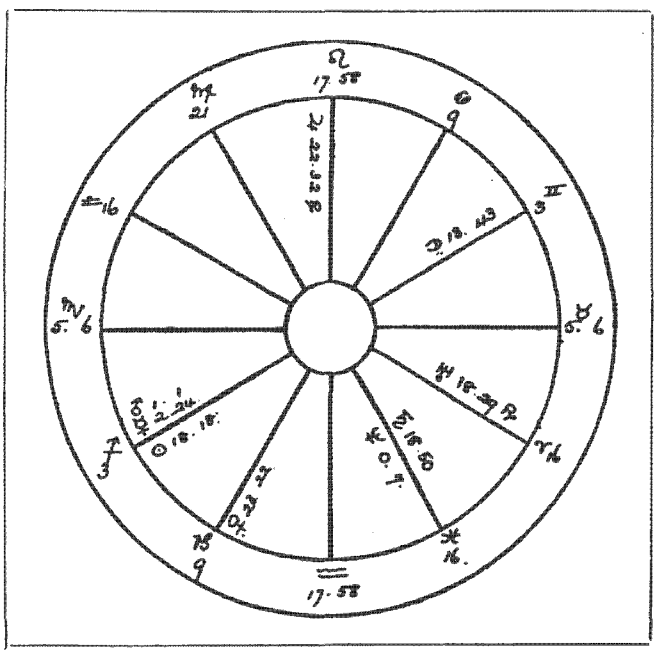
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Peculiar Horoscopes.

Drowning.

No. 8.—Male born at 4 a.m., 10th December, 1848, at Deal, Kent. Lat 51. 13 N., Long 1. 24 E. Died 12th March, 1880. Accidently drowned on landing from a boat.

THE study for this month is perhaps one of the most interesting of our series. It is that of a young boatman who was drowned on landing from a boat, falling into the water. I have chosen the case because while it shows the danger of death by drowning in the horoscope, there are no progressive directions to account for the event, but that the radical influence was the prime cause, and not the directions. The particulars of the case are given above and the horoscope is appended.



We find the Sun in Sagittarius almost in square to Saturn in Pisces, a watery sign, and the Moon in the eighth house in opposition to the Sun and square to Saturn, definite indications of danger through water. In addition to this we have Mars ruler of the horoscope conjoined with Mercury and square to Neptune in Pisces, indications (though which never came to light) of accidents by water, through treachery. I do not know whether the native was pushed into the water, but I should certainly surmise it.

The native died at the age of 31 years 2 months and 22 days, which turned into time and added to the birth time gives, 9.24 a.m., 10th January, 1849, at which time the Sun will be in sextile to Saturn and the Moon close to the parallel of Jupiter. Certainly the Sun will be two degrees past the square of Uranus, and Mars five degrees past the conjunction of the Sun, but the death most certainly cannot be attributed to these directions.

From the point of view of primary directions, it will be said the ascendant was square Saturn *in mundo*; and that the death was caused by this direction. Seeing that neither the Sun nor Moon were hyleg, this to my mind is not a sufficient reason. It must be patent to the student mind, that certain events must occur in accordance with the positions and aspect *in the horoscope*, let the directions be what they will. For example, the triple evil of the Sun and Moon in square to Saturn in this, must come out at some time of the life. The point is *when*?

There are three ways in which this can be arrived at. First is by the synodic lunation, of which we have had evidence before; the second is by what is known as the process; and the third by the little understood Prenatal Epoch. We will take the synodic lunation first. The thirty-first return of the Moon to the same configuration with the Sun as at birth, took place at 9.42 a.m., on 13th June, 1851. At this time the Moon was in 17° 9′ ♐ on the place of the Sun at birth, and in square to Saturn, showing that the radical evil would come forth in the 32nd year. The ascendant of this figure was square Mars and Mercury at birth and opposition Neptune. At this time Mars was on the radical ascendant. A similar configuration occurs just before the day of death on 25th February, 1880, at 4.29 p.m., when the Moon will be in 1° 55′ ♍ in square to Mars and Mercury at birth, and opposition to Neptune, and at the same time being on the ascendant of the 31st lunation.

So we see that in both cases the evil radical influences are brought to bear in the 32nd year, when there are no directions of corresponding nature to account for the tragic event.

We will now see what the Prenatal Epoch says The birth corrected by this yields an ascendant of 6° 53′ ♏, and it occurs at 0.57 a.m., 23rd March, 1848. We find Venus conjoined with Neptune, and Mars in square to Mercury, Mars being on the degree held by the Moon at birth. Calculating the progressive directions from this epoch we find Mars

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has progressed into the sign Cancer, a watery sign, to just past the radical Sun, and that the Moon is in exact opposition to the progressed place of that planet and just past the square of the Sun.

The process system yields equally as important results. This system is to add to the ascendant 30 degrees for every year. In the time the native lived. the ascendant would have gone round the whole zodiac twice, and would have reached 13·43 Gemini, the exact place of the Moon.

Turning finally to the date of death, we find no very strong transits to account for the event. The Moon is crossing the progressed ascendant, while Mars is five degrees from the Moon's place at birth.

This case is one which deserves attention from students, as it is one which shows the fallacy of relying solely on directions and transits to account for events and ignoring the radical figure and its possibilities.

An Interesting Case for Study.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

Josephine Ormsby, born at Canton, Ohio, U.S.A., 16th August, 1871, at 6 a.m.

Who has not heard of the celebrated Mrs. Ormsby, of Chicago, who on the 29th September, 1901, gave birth to four children simultaneously. The time of her birth as given above and also of the four children is vouched for by an American astrologer.

The quadruplets are supposed to be the only known living examples of four children of simultaneous birth, in fact, it is uncertain whether a fully authenticated record of quadruplets living to maturity is known.

The most remarkable thing about the mother is, that she was one of triplets herself, and after her marriage gave birth to one child annually for three years. Then for two years in succession she gave birth to twins. The following year she presented her husband with triplets. Of these children, however, only two survived. Then came the quadruplets.

The times of the births of the four children are as follows:—Date: 29th September, 1901. Place: Chicago, Ill., U.S.A. Girl, 1 a.m.; boy, 2.30 a.m.; boy, 3.30 a.m.; boy, 6.30 a.m.

Books Received.

THE PRIMER OF ASTROLOGY. By George Wilde.

This is just the book that has lately been wanted—The A.B.C. of Astrology, at a popular price, one shilling. The veriest amateur, going chapter by chapter and working out the examples, must acquire much interest in this facinating study. The reader will soon find in reading planetary birth description whether he is a Mars or Jupiter man, or if she is a Venus or Mars woman, a little further reading will tell what direction success lies in both for business, marriage, speculation, etc. The book ought, and no doubt will, have a large sale. It can be obtained at all booksellers or direct by post 1s. 2d.

Birth Time by the Clock.

A STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE.

Mr. George Wilde, who has often proved himself a well-wisher to the MESSENGER, propounds the following: Up to a few years ago many towns such as Ipswich (it was the same in Halifax and Huddersfield, the church clock kept one time and the station the other, 30 years ago) kept true local time on the church clock regulated by a sun dial, or by allowing for the difference between local and Greenwich time, whilst the post office and the railway station kept Greenwich time. Many people kept one time and some another, which means that the times at which one nativity occured was recorded by true local time and the other by Greenwich time.

Thirty years ago before Greenwich time was telegraphed, all church clocks kept true local time, and all villages far from the railway kept local time up to quite recent years. Now on making enquiries he cannot find the year when Greenwich time began to be universally telegraphed. Several horoscopes have passed through his hands lately which were computed as far back as 1850, with the correction in one case for Glasgow, another for Liverpool and a third for Somerset. and they have at his suggestion made enquiries with the result that true local time was observed and the Astrologer had blundered in making the correction. The horoscopes are wrong by one or more degrees on the ascendant.

Can any of our readers supply the date at which Greenwich time was first telegraphed at 10 a.m. as it is now every day. Also in what villages and towns to-day true local time is kept on the church clock. These questions are of the utmost importance since. unless it is known which time was used one cannot be sure of getting a correct horoscope. Any Astrologer might take one time or the other and the first critic who comes along might calculate it, make the correction, and in his ignorance of facts accuse a conscientious horoscopist of having made a mistake.

The Stomach's Day's Work.

Do we ever think what an amount of hard work the stomach has to do in a day? No wonder that it occasionally needs a help. Here are a few items which the stomach of a normal man or woman has to perform daily:—Turn six to twenty pounds of solid food into a semi-liquid state. Digest that amount, turning it into a form from which it may be made into bone, muscle, or other tissue. Make its own supply of gastric juice to digest with, ten to twenty pints per day. Keep up an internal heat of 100 degrees (F.) Every time cold fluids are drunk, this temperature is reduced, and must be brought up again before the work can go on. All this work be done despite adverse conditions. The temperature of ice cream is about 30 degrees. Think of the shock the stomach working at 100 degrees has to get over when ice cream is taken. Yet it recovers itself and goes on with its work.

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Oracles of the Ancients.

NO institution is more famous than the ancient Oracles of Egypt, Greece and Rome. They were said to be the will of the gods themselves, and they were consulted, not only upon every important matter, but even in the affairs of private life. To make peace or war, to introduce a change of government, to plant a colony, to enact laws, to raise an edifice, or to marry, were all sufficient reasons to consult the will of the gods. Mankind, in consulting them, showed that they wished to pay implicit obedience to the command of the divinity, and, when they had been favoured with an answer, they acted with more spirit and with more vigour, conscious that the undertaking had met with the sanction and approbation of heaven. In this, therefore, it will not appear wonderful that so many places were sacred to oracular purposes.

The small province of Bœotia could once boast of her 25 oracles, and Peloponnesus of the same number. Not only the chief of the gods gave oracles, but in process of time heroes were admitted to enjoy the same privileges; and the oracles of a Trophonius and an Antinous were soon able to rival the fame of Apollo and Jupiter. The most celebrated oracles of antiquity were those of Dodona, Delphi, Jupiter, Ammon, etc. The temple of Delphi seemed to claim a superiority over the other temples; its fame was once more extended, and its riches were so great that not only private persons, but even kings and numerous armies, made it an object of plunder and of rapine.

The manner of delivering oracles was different, A priestess at Delphi was permitted to pronounce the oracles of the god, and her delivery of the answers was always attended with acts of apparent madness and desperate fury. Not only women, but even doves, were the ministers of the temple of Dodona, and the suppliant votary was often startled to hear his questions readily answered by the decayed trunk or the spreading branches of a neighbouring oak. Ammon conveyed his answers in a plain and open manner: but Amphiarius required many ablutions and preparatory ceremonies, and he generally communicated his oracles to his suppliants in dreams and visions. Sometimes the first words that were heard, after issuing from the temple, were deemed the answers of the oracles, and sometimes the nodding or shaking of the head of the statue, the motions of fishes in a neighbouring lake, or their reluctance in accepting the food which was offered to them, were as strong and valid as the most express and minute explanations.

It is a question among the learned whether the oracles were given by the inspiration of evil spirits, or whether they proceeded from the imposture of the priests. Imposture, however, and forgery, cannot long flourish, and falsehood becomes its own destroyer; and on the contrary, it is well known how much confidence the people, even of an enlightened age, place upon dreams, prophecies, and unaccountable incidents. Some have strongly believed that all the oracles of the earth ceased at the birth of Christ, but the supposition is false. It was, indeed, the beginning of their decline; but they remained in repute, and were consulted, though perhaps not so frequently, till the fourth century, when Christianity began to triumph over Paganism. The oracles often suffered themselves to be bribed. Alexander did it, but it is well known that Lysander failed in the attempt. Herodotus, who first mentioned the corruption which often prevailed in the oracular temples of Greece and Egypt, has been severely treated for his remarks by the historian Plutarch. Demosthenes is also a witness of the corruption, and he observed that the oracles of Greece were servilely subservient to the will and pleasure of Philip, king of Macedon, as he beautifully expresses it, by the word *Philipidzein*.

When in a state of inspiration, the eyes of the Priestess suddenly sparkled, her hair stood on end, and a shivering ran over all her body. In this convulsive state she spoke the oracles of the god, often with loud howlings and cries, and her articulations were taken down by the priest, and set in order. Sometimes the spirit of inspiration was more gentle, and not always violent; yet Plutarch mentions one of the priestesses who was thrown into excessive fury, that not only those that consulted the oracle, but also the priest that conducted her to the sacred tripod, and attended her during the inspiration, were terrified and forsook the temple; and so violent was the fit, that she continued for some days in the most agonising situation, and at last died. At Delphos, the Pythia, before she placed herself on the tripod, used to wash her whole body, and particularly her hair, in the waters of the fountain Castalis, at the foot of Mount Parnassus. She also shook a laurel tree that grew near the place, and sometimes ate the leaves, with which she crowned herself.

The Priestesses always appeared dressed in the garments of virgins to intimate their purity and modesty, and they were solemnly bound to observe the strictest laws of temperance and chastity, that neither fantastical dresses nor lascivious behaviour might bring the office, the religion, or the sanctity of the place into contempt. There was originally but one Pythia, besides subordinate priests, but afterwards two were chosen and sometimes more. The most celebrated of all these is Phemonee, who is supposed by some to have been the first who gave oracles at Delphi. The oracles were always delivered in hexameter verses, a custom which was some time after discontinued. The Pythia was consulted only one month in the year, about the spring. It was always required that those who consulted the oracle should make large presents to Apollo, and from thence arose the opulence, splendour, and the magnificence of the cele-

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brated temple of Delphi. Sacrifices were also offered to the divinity, and if the omens proved unfavourable, the priestess refused to give an answer. There were generally five priests who assisted at the offering of the sacrifices, and there was also another who attended the Pythia, and assisted her in receiving the oracle.

We shall now proceed to describe some of the most celebrated of the ancient oracles :

Oracle of Delphos.

Delphos, now called *Castri*, the capital of Phocis, in Greece, was anciently much celebrated for its temple and oracle of Apollo. It was also called *Pytho* by the poets; from the serpent python, which Apollo killed in this place. Pausanias, however, says that this name, Pytho, was given to the city of Delphos by Pythis, son of Delphus, and grandson of Lycorus. The Greek historians gave to this city the name of Delphos, which some suppose to have been so called from *Adelphoi*, brethren, because Apollo and his brother Bacchus were both worshipped there: and others, with greater probability, derive the name from *Delphos*, single or solitary, referring to the retired situation of the city among the mountains.

Justin questions which was the most worthy of admiration, the fortification of the place, or the majesty of the god, who here delivered his oracles. The temple of Apollo occupied a large space, and many streets opened to it. The first discovery which laid the foundation of the extraordinary veneration in which the Oracle of Delphos was held, and of the riches accumulated in the temple, is said to have been occasioned by some goats which were feeding on Mount Parnassus, near a deep and large cavern, with a narrow entrance. These goats having been observed by the goat-herd, Coretas, to frisk and leap after a strange manner, and to utter unusual sounds immediately upon their approach to the mouth of the cavern, he had the curiosity to view it, and found himself seized with the like fit of madness, skipping, dancing, and foretelling things to come.

At the news of this discovery multitudes flocked thither, many of whom were possessed with such frantic enthusiasm that they threw themselves headlong into the cavern, insomuch that it was necessary to issue an edict, forbidding all persons to approach it. This surprising place was treated with singular veneration, and was soon covered with a kind of chapel, which was originally made of laurel boughs, and resembled a large hut. This, according to the Phocian tradition, was surrounded by one of wax, raised up by bees. After this a third was built of solid copper, said to have been the workmanship of Vulcan.

This last was destroyed by an earthquake, or, according to some authors, by fire, which melted the copper, and then a sumptuous temple, altogether of stone, was erected by two excellent architects, Trophimus and Agamedes. This edifice was destroyed by fire in the 58th Olympiad, or 548 years B.C.

The Amphictyons proposed to be at the charge of building another; but the Alomeonides, a rich family of Athens, came to Delphos, obtained the honour of executing the building, and made it more magnificent than they had at first proposed.

The riches of this temple, amassed by the donations of those who frequented it and consulted the Oracle, exposed it to various depredations. At length the Gauls, under the conduct of Brennus, came hither for the same purpose, about 278 years B.C.; but they were repulsed with great slaughter. Last of all Nero robbed it of 500 of its most precious brazen and golden statues.

It has not been ascertained at what time this Oracle was founded. It is certain, however, that Apollo was not the first who was consulted here. Æschylus, in his tragedy of the Eumenides, says, Terra was the first who issued oracles at Delphi; after her Themis, then Phœbe, another daughter of Terra, and, as it is said, mother of Latona, and grandmother to Apollo. Pausanias says that before Themis, Terra and Neptune had delivered oracles in this place, and some say that Saturn had also been consulted here At length the Oracle of Apollo became established and permanent; and such was its reputation, and such were the multitudes from all parts that came to consult it, that the riches which were thus brought into the temple and city became so considerable as to be compared with those of the Persian kings.

About the time when this oracle was first discovered the whole mystery requisite for obtaining the prophetic gift is said to have been merely to approach the cavern and inhale the vapour that issued from it, and then the god inspired all persons indiscriminately; but at length several enthusiasts, in the excess of their fury, having thrown themselves headlong into the cavern, it was thought expedient to contrive a prevention of this accident, which frequently occurred. Accordingly the Priests placed over the hole whence the vapour issued a machine which they called a "tripod," because it had three feet, and commissioned a woman to seat herself in it, where she might inhale the vapour without danger, because the three feet of the machine stood firmly upon the rock. This Priestess was named Pythia, from the serpent Python, slain by Apollo, or from the Greek *puthesthai*, signifying to inquire, because people came to Delphi to consult this deity. The females first employed were virgins selected with great precaution; but the only qualification necessary was to be able to speak and repeat what the god dictated.

This was done by placing her ear close to one of the horns of the altar and listening to the voice of one of Apollo's priests, to whom the question had been communicated. This Priest, who stood near the altar, in the interior of the temple, having been assisted by his brethren in the necessary devotions and sacrifices, opened the BOOK OF FATE, which was deposited in the temple, and after many prayers worked the required problems. The answer, which from the nature of the case in hand, was often *conditional*, being communicated to the Priestess on the tripod, was after various ceremonies delivered to the enquiring multitude, or to the individual who came privately to consult the Oracle.

The custom of choosing young virgins continued for a long time, till one of them, who was extremely beautiful, was dishonoured by a young Thessalian. An express law was then enacted that none should be chosen but women over fifty years old. At first

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there was only one Priestess; but afterwards there were two or three. The oracles were not delivered every day; but gifts and sacrifices were in some cases presented for a long time, and even for a whole year; and it was only once a year, in the month *bosion*, which answered to the beginning of spring, that Apollo inspired the Priestess. Except on this day she was forbidden, under pain of death, to go into the sanctuary to consult Apollo.

Alexander, before his expedition into Asia, came to Delphi on one of those days when the sanctuary was shut, and entreated the Priestess to mount the tripod, which she steadily refused, alleging the law which forbade her. The prince, naturally impetuous, became impatient, and drew the Priestess by force from her cell, and whilst he was conducting her to the sanctuary, she took occasion to exclaim, "My son, thou art invincible!" As soon as these words were pronounced, Alexander cried out that he was satisfied, and would have no other oracle.

It is here to be observed, however, that great but unnecessary preparations were often made for giving mysteriousness to the oracle, and for commanding the respect that was paid to it. Among other circumstances relating to the sacrifices that were offered the Priestess herself fasted three days, and before she ascended the tripod, she bathed herself in the fountain of Castalia. She drank water from that fountain, and chewed laurel leaves gathered near it. She was then led into the sanctuary of the priests, who placed her upon the tripod.

As soon as she began to be agitated by the divine exhalation, said to arise from the cavern, but which was merely the vapour of incense burnt there in order to give more mystery to the affair, her hair stood on end, her aspect became wild and ghastly, her mouth began to foam, and her whole body was suddenly seized with violent tremblings. In this condition she attempted to escape from the Priests, who detained her by force, while her shrieks and howlings made the whole temple resound, and filled the bystanders with a sacred horror.

At length, unable to resist the impulse of the god, she surrendered herself up to him, and at certain intervals uttered from the bottom of her stomach or belly, by the faculty or power of ventriloquism, some unconnected words, which the priests ranged in order, and, put in form of verse, gave them a connection which they had not when they were delivered by the Priestess. The oracle being pronounced, the Priestess was taken off the tripod, and conducted back to her cell, where she continued several days to recover herself. Lucan tells us that speedy death was often the consequence of her enthusiasm. The oracles pronounced by the Priestess being generally delivered to the poets, who attended on the occasion, and being put by them into wretched verse, gave occasion to the raillery that Apollo, the Prince of the Muses, was the worst of poets.

The Priests and Priestesses, to whose conduct the responses of the Oracle were committed, were, however, frequently guilty of fraud and imposture. And many instances might be mentioned in which the Delphic Priestess was not superior to corruption. Hence she persuaded the Lacedæmonians to assist the people of Athens in the expulsion of the 30 tyrants. Hence, also, she caused Damaratus to be divested of the royal dignity to make way for Cleomenes, and supported the imposter Lysander, when he endeavoured to change the succession to the throne of Sparta. It is not improbable that Theomistocles, who well knew the importance of acting against the Persians by sea, inspired the god with the answer he gave, "to defend themselves with walls of wood."

These answers were likewise, on many occasions, equivocal. Thus, when Crœsus was about to invade the Medes, he consulted this Oracle on the success of the war. and received for answer that by passing the river Halya he should win a great empire. But he was left to conjecture, or to determine by the event, whether this empire was his own or that of his enemies. Such was also the same Oracle's answer to Pyrrhus,

"*Aio te Æacida Romanos vinvere posse.*"

which meant, "I say unto thee, O Greek, thou canst overcome the Romans," or, "I say unto thee, the Romans may overcome the Greeks."

(To be continued).

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

VIII.—Marriage.

NOW, in dealing with the laws of astrology in connection with the harmony of one horoscope with another in relation to marriage, the one prime point is that the sun in one horoscope should be conjoined with the moon in the other, or that the luminaries in one horoscope should be harmoniously configurated with the luminaries in the other; that is, the sun in one should be in good aspect with the moon in the other, and the moon in the first horoscope with the sun in the second. First of all, we will do away with a mischievous notion which has arisen in late years in respect to this matter. We are told that people who are born in certain months agree best with others born in certain other months, because the sun in one month is in harmonious aspect with the sun in the other. Let it be for me to at once state that this theory has nothing whatever to do with marriage, for it is the sun in one horoscope with the moon in the other where the configuration should exist, and not as stated above. In agreement between people of the same sex it may be useful, but in marriage it has no connection at all. To proceed: I am of opinion that the connection between the sun and moon should be by conjunction if the best results are to be obtained. Further, that the female should have her sun in the same degree as the male's moon, not the reverse. The other way would be, in my opinion, repulsive instead of attractive.

I will explain why. Take two horseshoe magnets, place the N. pole of one to the N. pole of the other. Nothing results. Reverse this, and place the north pole of one to the S. pole of the other. There is immediate attraction. Therefore, if you place the male positive, or solar influence, to the female's negative, or lunar inflence, there will not be the attraction; but if you reverse this, and place the female *positive* influence on tbe male *negative*, then there is attraction. So it is with this law. Two people, one male and the other female, will become attracted to each other if the positive element in the female horoscope is connected with the negative element in the male horoscope. Ptolemy particularly points out that the configuration should be the moon in the husband's with the sun in the wife's horoscope.

I have a case in point. A male has the moon in 12° ♉. He was introduced to a lady of exact opposites in every particular, who had the sun in 15° ♉. Immediate attraction was the result. Three months after they were engaged, and eighteen months later married. Their married life has been particularly happy. There is no other connection between the two maps, except that their ascendants are opposite to each other.

The second rule for this matter is when the sun and moon in one horoscope are in harmony with the moon and sun in another horoscope. For instance, Male, ☉ in ♈ 2. ☽ in ♊ 16'. Female, ☽ in ♌ 2. ☉ in ♐ 16.

Here we have the sun in the male horoscope in trine with the moon in the female, and the sun in the female in trine with the moon in the male. A mutual configuration of great harmony, but of less harmony than the conjunction.

We have now the rules of Ptolemy in a nutshell, and students should follow them out carefully. Some astrologers give others, such as the moon in one horoscope on Venus in another, or the sun and Venus connected, but by themselves these influences are of little power. The chief one is the conjunction of the sun in the wife's horoscope with the moon in the male. The other is the mutual configuration of the luminaries in one horoscope with those of the other. The others add to the power of these, and bring perhaps other harmonious influences, but by themselves they do not give that harmony of mind and life which is essential to marital happiness.

The next issue of the MESSENGER will contain an article on the practical uses of Astrology in connection with "The Future," a subject which has more interest to many of my readers than any other.

Physical Effects of Sentiment.

It has recently been discovered by Professor Elmer Gates that unpleasant emotions create harmful chemical products in the body which are physically injurious. Good, benevolent, cheerful feelings are said to create beneficial chemical products which are physically healthful. These products, it is declared, may be detected by chemical analysis in the perspiration of the individual. Professor Gates says he found more than forty of the bad products and as many of the good. Everyone knows that grief will poison a mother's milk; in fact, it generates an injurious quality so intense in character as to sicken an infant.

Of all the chemical products of emotion that of guilt is said to be the worst. If a small quanitity of the perspiration of a person suffering from an emotion of this kind be placed in a glass tube and exposed to contact with scientific acid it would turn pink. None of the other poisons similarly generated exhibit the same phenomenon.

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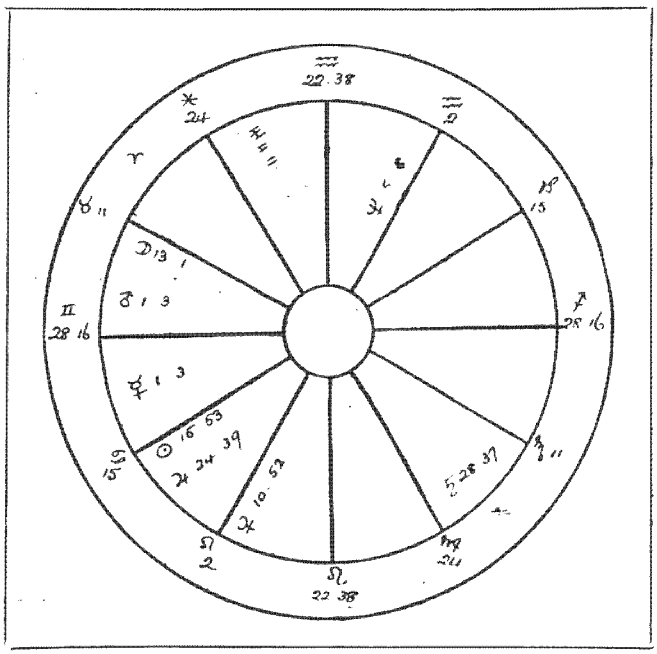
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—VIII.

The Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain

THE Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain was born at Highbury, London, on the 8th July, 1836, at about a quarter to three in the morning. The authority for the time of birth having been questioned in a certain quarter, I should say that the horoscope was first published in a contemporary, in February 1900, by a well-known astrologer, who stated that he had made enquiries in a responsible quarter, and had obtained the time of birth from a personal friend of Mr. Chamberlain.



The horscope rectified by the Pre-natal Epoch gives 2.36 a.m. as the exact moment of birth and the figure appended is drawn for that hour. Mr. Chamberlain was born under the third decanate of the sign Gemini with Mercury just rising in the sign Cancer in trine aspect to Uranus. The Sun is nearly in conjunction with Jupiter, and in close sextile to the Moon. The most evil positions in the horoscope are Mars in the twelfth house in square to Uranus, and Jupiter in the second house in square to Saturn.

The sign Gemini rising will give an upright nature, and make him well-informed, subtle and businesslike, and well adapted for travelling, trade, and business pursuits. Mercury rising in Cancer will give tenacity and a retentive memory, with ability to grasp many subjects and take a comprehensive view of things. The trine aspect of Mercury and Uranus will give originality and inventiveness, and an inner perception of things.

With four planets in cardinal signs he will be enterprising and energetic, with much enthusiasm and a desire to be at the head of things. He has the true pioneer spirit and is bound to have fame at some period of his life. The Moon being in a fixed sign will give determination, the ability to persevere in spite of obstacles, and a tendency to cut out a path for himself and to carry out his purpose regardless of opposition or opinion. The polarity of the Sun in Cancer and the Moon in Taurus is an excellent one, but the personal nature is apt to be too slow, and opportunities may be allowed to pass through inability to act at the right moment.

The square of Mars in the twelfth house to Uranus in the tenth signifies the violent and scurrilous attacks made against him, and the scandalous attempts made to ruin his reputation. The position of Mars in Gemini in the twelfth is an excellent illustration of the bitter enmity and vituperation our great statesman has been subjected to. But none

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of it is likely to overcome him. Mars is badly placed, disposed of by Mercury, the ruler of the horoscope, who trines Uranus in the midheaven, this latter planet being angular and elevated above all the others. Further, with seven out of nine planets in the ascending part of the heavens, our subject is not one to go under.

The position of Uranus in the tenth house well accords with the government position held. There are many points in the horoscope which are deserving of special attention. To deal with it fully would require more space than can be allowed here.

We will now turn our attention to the directions operating at some of the most important periods of life. In 1886, when the great split occurred in the ranks of the Liberal party over the Home Rule bill the Sun was directed to the opposition of Uranus. It was also forming the ✶ ♂ P. showing the energy and activity in the formation of the new political party.

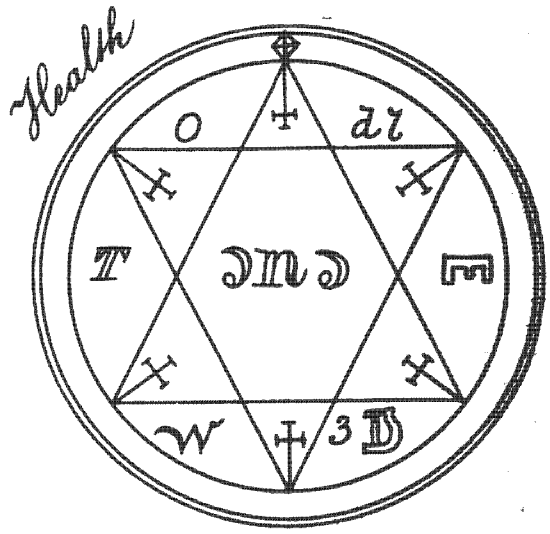
The Meridian was at this time in square to the Sun, and the ascendant in opposition to Neptune. The appointment of Mr. Chamberlain as Colonial Secretary in 1895 took place under ☉ P △ ☽. ☽ △ ♅ R. The Jameson raid took place under M C. ♂ ♄ R. At the outbreak of the Boer war Mars was approaching the Sun's radical place, and by Pre-natal motion was in square to the same point, while ☿ had progressed to a square of the Meridian.

The directions for some time past have been very evil. Mars has been in conjunction with the radical Sun, and Mercury in square thereto, and these have been the astrological cause of the long and severe illness of the illustrious native. But this year the Sun has reached the sextile of Jupiter, and Jupiter by transit will be passing the progressed ascendant, and these benefic influences will tend to bring back health and strength, and increase the popularity and success. The only drawback is the eclipse of the Sun of January 3rd in opposition to the Sun and progressed Mars, which will be very strong about June, when Mars will transit the place of the evil direction, but I do not judge that the effects will be long or lasting The year appears to be an eventful one in many ways, and with the directions operating will be an important one for our subject.

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Birthday Influences during May.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♉, △ ♅, par ☉. A generally successful year, changes, travel, benefits through superiors and gain in employment. A child born on this day will be restless, intuitive, and inventive; will gain through employers, but should not go into business himself.

2. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♃, ✶ ♄. A good year, social and financial gain, improvement of position and benefits through business. A child born on this day should rise in life and gain position and approval of others, but should be careful in signing papers and in money transactions.

3. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♊, ☌ ♂. A doubtful year, danger of accident and illhealth. Some unexpected benefits are shown. A child born on this day will be rash and adventurous, will gain in unique and peculiar transactions, but should guard against accidents to the arms.

4. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♊, □ ♄, ☌ ♀. An unfavourable birthday, danger of illhealth or bereavement, but gain through the opposite sex. A child born on this day will incur the disfavour of superiors and have much to contend with in life. Will gain through females and artistic matters.

5. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♋, ✶ ☉ & ☿, ☌ ♆, ☌ ♅. A contradictory year, benefits in business and employ, but many changes of an adverse nature and an involved state of affairs. A child born on this day will be erratic and changeable, but clever and popular, and will do best to remain in others' employ.

6. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♋, par ♅. An unimportant year, some adverse changes and unexpected rebuffs. A child born on this day will be active but restless, and will have a quiet and unambitious life.

7. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♌, ☌ ♃, △ ♄. A remarkable anniversary, important changes, travel, benefits—social and financial, and improvement of position. A child born on this day will advance in life in a remarkable manner, will be clever and original, and make his mark in whatever occupation in life he adopts.

8. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♌, □ ☉ & ☿, ✶ ♂, par ♃. A changeable year, some trouble through superiors and business, but gain through enterprises and friends. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, will gain financially, but is apt to over-reach himself and should remain in the employ of others.

9. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♌, ✶ ♀, par ☉. A successful year for love affairs and business; if in employment promotion is assured. A child born on this day will be fairly successful in life, will marry well and prosperous, and have a comfortable career.

10. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♆, △ ♅. A beneficial year, many changes, improvement of position and financial benefits. A child born on this day will be clever and original, inclined to metaphysical and psychic studies and generally successful.

11. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♍, △ ☉, □ ♂, △ ☿. A changeable year, gain in business and employment, but danger of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, very practical in business, but will lose much by being too venturesome and through litigation.

12. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♎, ☌ ♄, □ ♀, ✶ ♃. A changeable year, danger of bereavement and disappointment, trouble in love affairs, but some benefits through friends. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle against poverty, but will be helped by friends. His health will always be weak.

13. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♎, □ ♅, □ ♆, △ ♂. Not a good year, plenty of enterprise and activity, but unfavourable changes and reversals. A child born on this day will be restless and unsettled, difficult to manage, but will have plenty of energy and pluck, and should gain thereby.

14. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♏, △ ♀, □ ♃. A moderately good year, gain in love affairs and pleasure, but heavy expenses probable. A child born on this day will be successful in dealing with the opposite sex, but extravagant in tastes and may get into trouble in money matters.

15. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♏, △ ♅, ✶ ♅. A favourable year, many changes and advantages, success and benefits; romance may enter the life. A child born on this day will be inventive and original, fond of travel and adventure, and will gain in all matters of an advanced nature.

16. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♏, ☌ ☉. An unfavourable year, bereavement is threatened as well as loss of employment. A child born on this day will always be in conflict with authority and will have a hard struggle to keep his affairs going.

17. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♐, △ ♄, △ ♃, ☌ ☿. A beneficial year, probability of gain by will or legacy, but danger of disputes and trouble through letters and correspondence. A child born on this day will rise in life, through the help and favour of elders and superiors, but should be careful of scandal and keep a check on his tongue and pen.

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18. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♐, ☌ ♂. An evil anniversary, danger of disputes, accidents, and litigation. A child born on this day will be rash and venturesome, liable to accidents and hurts from animals and be generally unfortunate in life.

19. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♆, ☍ ♅, □ ♄, ☌ ♀. A very unfavourable year, many adverse changes, bereavement and sorrow, illhealth and disappointment. A child born on this day will be most unfortunate in life, be addicted to evil habits and may end his days in poverty and wretchedness.

20. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♑, △ ☉. A changeable year, many little worries and annoyances, but gain in position and benefits in employment. A child born on this day will rise fairly well in life; but will have many little hindrances and troubles to contend with.

21. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☌ ♃, △ ☿, par ☉. A generally successful year, improvement of position, gain through business and employment, but increase of expenses. A child born on this day will gain through elderly people and in employment, will be clever and intelligent, but be rather extravagant and wasteful.

22. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♒, △ ♂. A doubtful anniversary. Good for males, bringing activity and enterprise; but evil for females, who should be careful of the other sex. A child born on this day will be romantic, and idealistic, be active and energetic, but suffer through the evil influence of others who will come into his life.

23. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, △ ♀, □ ☉. A changeable year, gain through artistic matters, but danger of loss of employment. A child born on this day should be skilled in music and art, be very romantic, but will meet with many rebuffs at the hands of others.

24. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♓, ✶ ♅, □ ☿. A changeable year, some benefits through travel, but danger of slander and trouble through young persons. A child born on this day will be original and intuitive, but will never gain through study, being too sharp and over-reaching.

25. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♈, □ ♂, ✶ ☉, ☍ ♄, △ ♃, □ ♆. A year of ups and downs, danger of accident and bereavement, but social and financial benefits and improvement of position. A child born on this day will be rash and impulsive, will gain in employment and should rise in life through the help of others, but must use caution in all his actions.

26. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♈, par ♄, □ ♀, □ ♆, ✶ ☿. An evil year. danger of bereavement, trouble with the other sex, but benefits through business and young people. A child born on this day will have an unfortunate career in life; meet with many disappointments and misfortunes, but will gain through his wit and intelligence.

27. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♂, □ ♃. Not a good year, some enterprise and activity is shown, but money matters will be bad, and, if a female, will meet with disgrace. A child born on this day will have good executive power but will tend to be extravagant. If a female, should be careful of the other sex.

28. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♆, ✶ ♀, △ ♅. A favourable year, gain through changes and the other sex; improvement in position, but slight danger of accident. A child born on this day will be romantic and flexible, fond of psychic and metaphysical studies but rather resentful and passionate.

29. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, par ♃, ☉ ✶ ♄. A favourable year, increased responsibilities, new friends, social and financial benefits. A child born on this day will rise in life and gain approval and goodwill of others.

30. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♄, ✶ ♃, ☍ ☉, ☉ ✶ ♃. A splendid year, gain and success in all directions, social and financial benefits and dignities. A child born on this day will rise in life to a high position, with dignity, power, and responsibility.

31. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♊, par ☉, ♅ & ♆. A doubtful and changeable year, no very great success, but some unfavourable changes. A child born on this day will be unsuccessful in life, have many rebuffs and trouble and make no progress at all.

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Astrology for Speculation.

By ASTROLABUS.

IN the first place, let me remark that it is of no use whatever for anyone to enter into speculative or hazardous trade unless the nativity of the person concerned fully warrants such action. Dame Fortune is a very elusive and fickle young person, and in the great number of cases her smiles are distributed in such manner that those who are neither particularly lucky nor particularly unlucky are very little the better or worse for speculating provided they continue it consistently to the end. If two married couples, for example, play whist or bridge regularly for twelve months—one couple against the other—they will find at the end that neither party is very much the loser or the winner. This is *not* an opinion. I have proved it by personal experience and I expect others have done so, too. It is just the same with all speculations. Where the law—for it is a law, of the doctrine of probabilities, as those of my readers who are conversant with higher mathematics well know—I say where the law appears to fail is in those cases in which the resources of the person acting have been temporarily exhausted. My advice, therefore, to all those who are mere ordinary mortals—not particularly in favour or disfavour with our goddess—is to refrain. Those who are in disfavour had better refrain also of course.

But there are some few persons who seem to be singled out above all others for what is called good fortune, and I must insist that the nativity alone is capable of deciding the point. It does not seem to matter what they do. The most extraordinary action brings them fortune. But there are many persons who have excellent nativities for these matters and never know it. They die without learning of it; which, of course, is a great pity—for them and theirs.

But after the necessary qualifications have been found in the nativity, can Astrology help the lucky man? Most decidedly!

Now, as regards speculation on the Stock Exchange. This should only be entered upon when not only the nativity promises gain, but the directional periods are good also. That being granted the next point is this. Get all the mundane maps of the heavens relating to the subject of speculation with the data of the transits and lunations affecting the same. These must be calculated for the latitude and longitude of the place which is the recognised centre for commercial dealings in the commodity. As London for stocks, shares and railway markets of Britain, Dublin of Ireland, Paris of France, and so forth. Chicago for the potted meat industry, Johannesburg for the Rand gold mines, Buenos Ayres for Argentine wheat. Odessa for Russian. The chief of the maps wanted are those of the ingresses or entries made by the Sun into Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn, added to these the lunation nearest the vernal equinox and also the maps for eclipses *when visible at the places for which they are calculated* besides the maps of the heavens for great conjunctions such as Mars or Jupiter with Saturn and so on.

In short, the forecast of these matters is impossible without a deep and close study of mundane Astrology. I venture to forecast that this summer and autumn will stop the rising in British Consols on account of some foreign complication which may be serious, demand mobilisation of our fleet, and need great tact in the arbitration which I believe will follow in order to avoid more serious consequences. I am not going to point out the direction of the danger as it is not expedient to do so, but students can readily ascertain it.

A word about number must close this article. There is only one safe and sure guide to a knowledge of number value and that is a study of the Kabbala of the Jews. It is only scanty knowledge of this matter which causes the supercilious smile. It is

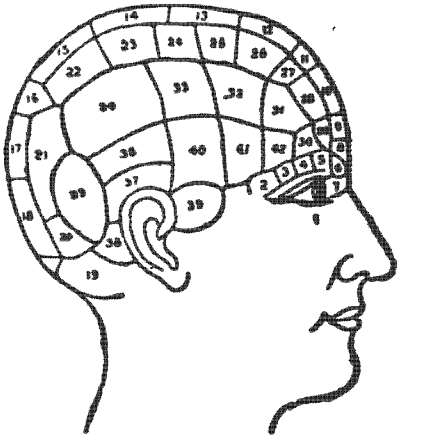
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too long a matter to go into fully, but the curious in such matters might spend money with much greater folly than they would exhibit in purchasing a little book written by our old friend Sepharial—a most remarkable little book entitled "The Little Book of Magic." It will, I am sure whet their appetite for more. The Tarot also might be used with advantage in the working out of magical and fortunate numbers, but that is a very long story.

Phrenology.

PHRENOLOGY, which, previous to the early part of the 19th Century was only known as "Craniology," takes its derivation from the Greek, and means—"the science of the mind." The first master mind to explore the regions of phrenology was the eminent Viennese specialist, or as then modestly styled, plain Doctor Franz Gall, and it was enlarged and much extended by his zealous colleague and pupil, Johann Spurzheim. In about the year 1811, an issue from the press was made of a work fully explaining all their theories produced on their minds by experimental researches, and many of these early reasonings have been fully sustained after nearly 100 years of close observation. All the medical men of the present day in any part of the world, of any standing at all in their profession, know, in fact have been educated in the certain knowledge that there is a very close connection between brain and mind, and that each mental faculty can be referred to its own particular brain-cell as a defined locality in the brain. If we say to the business man or woman that the managing director dwells in the brain and presses the button for each department, as called on the mind telephone, our meaning will be easily suited to the 20th Century reader. Some medicals, and men in other branches of science, however, assert that anatomy and physiology show that the exterior of the cranium, or brain, cannot be regarded as a perfectly reliable index to the subject's character or mind, and the views of phrenologists are still strongly opposed by some, but most by those who have another axe to grind.

The following table and illustration plainly shows each section of the human head from the phrenological point of view, and the nomenclature and grouping, for the information of our readers, cannot fail to be of such interest that a more intimate knowledge of phrenology will be desired. We are not going now into the merits of the science or dealing with the functional faculties or deductions, but we give this short chapter on what we believe a most fascinating subject for reading up. Phrenology is a science which we believe may lay claim to touch the truth with the finger-tips, and here are shown the 42 divisions used in delineation of character, etc. There are one or two very useful and cheap books that will help the student, viz.: "How to read Heads," by James Coates; also, "How to read Thoughts," by the same author. Both are sent from our publishers, 1/3 each, or the two for 2/4. 1/- each of any bookseller, in the same series, are "How to Mesmerise" and "How to read the Face." W. Foulsham and Co. will send the four books for 4/3.



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Answers to Correspondents.

MAORILANDER. N.Z.—Your suggestion, that monthly outlook for Colonies be printed more in advance, shall be carried out. In the June issue will be given the predictions for summer quarter.

HOMER.—We think your question is one for our advertisers to deal with. Personally, I have no belief in the influence of fixed stars. As the Sun and Saturn are conjoined in Libra, and in trine to Mars with no evil aspects thereto, I should consider some benefits to accrue, increase of honour and reputation at that time. But without calculating all the directions operating at this particular period a definite opinion could not be given.

AQUARIUS RISING.—Raphael's "Key to Astrology," or his Guide, will give you full information on the points raised in your letter. A planet in parallel to the ascendant means that it is in the same declination as the ascending degree.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

VII.—Astrology in the Nineteenth Century.

IN the earlier part of the last century there does not appear to have been much Astrological work undetakren. We do not read of any noted professors of the science, though two or three almanacks were published.

The prospects of the science, however, have since then greatly increased. More care was taken in the publication of works, and also of the translation of others. Ashmand's translation of the Tetrabiblos was published in 1822, and a further edition was brought out just at the close of the century, while an edition of the Primum Mobile, edited by Mr. J. Cooper, appeared in 1816. These works, in conjunction with Mr. Wilson's Dictionary of Astrology, were shortly followed by the publications of the well-known astrologer Raphael, whose knowledge oi the horary and mundane branches of the science were extensive. He published the "Manual of Astrology" in 1828, as well as several other works.

Shortly afterwards the "Grammar of Astrology," published by Zadkiel in 1834, made its appearance, and this work contained within a small compass the essence of the Tetrabiblos, with respect to the science of nativities, besides much original information. The gentleman who adopted the pen name of "Zadkiel" was Commander Morrison, R.N. In 1831 he started the almanack of that name, and also revised Lilley's treatise on Horary Astrology.

The author of the "Story of Astrology," in his little work, says of Morrison: "He made some very remarkable prophecies. In 1853 . . . he predicted the fate of Napoleon the Third with absolute exactness. In 1860 . . . the death of the Prince Consort, and the fact made a great sensation at the time. He also predicted the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, many of the great earthquakes between 1831 and 1874 . . ."

We also know of Seed and Holdsworth, two minor stars, both of whom published almanacks for a few years. Dr. Simmonite is also another more prominent author. His work, "The Arcana of Astrology," a book of exceptional value in Natal Astrology, was at one time the leading work on the subject, and could only be bought for a large price. New editions of this work have been brought out, and the book is now selling in parts at fifteen pence each.

The successor of Morrison, Mr. A. J. Pearce, has written works on the science, but owing to their technical and mathematical nature, they are not so much sought after as the works of other and more simple writers. Perhaps the man who has done the most to simplify astrology and place it before the public in a more understandable and lucid manner is the present editor of Raphael's Almanac. His Guides and Key, and other works, are small but good works on the science, and are eagerly bought up from all parts.

Other writers, Sepharial, Wilde, Alan Leo and others, are all more or less known as authors and writers on the science, and their works are on demand everywhere.

During the past twenty years great strides have been made in Astrology. Numerous magazines have been published, some of which have been more or less successful, others failures. We have "Urania," which had not a long existence, "Fate and Fortune," "The Horoscope," "Coming Events," "The Astrologer's Magazine," afterwards called "Modern Astrology," which has run a long course; "The Forecast," published by Sepharial; "Destiny," which suffered through the sudden death of the proprietor, after it was only three months in existence, and again a year after owing to an accident to its editor. Some of these have suffered through lack of support, others have been withdrawn owing to the work entailing too much time aud strain upon their editors, but each in its time has done good work for the science.

A great mistake has been made in later years by an advanced cult in mixing up the science with Theosophy. Not that we disbelieve in the Theosophical doctrines, but from the fact that though a large number of students have been drawn to the science through Theosophy, a much greater number have drawn back and given up their studies on account of this. Theosophy with many is a bugbear, and the introduction of the subject into Astrology has done more harm than can be imagined. We know many who have thrown up the study of Astrology altogether on account of this thing.

We have now concluded this portion of our work. We have traced the subject right up from the earliest times through the Middle Ages, giving the names of those who have been exponents and teachers of the science right up to the present day. Our next step will be to deal with the objections which are made against the science, both from a scientific and religious point of view, and this will appear in our next.

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1	21	♉ 21	Deal with superiors and ask favours in the evening.
2	4	♊ 30	Keep quiet before noon. Good for new enterprises, etc., after.
3	17	19	Evil day for all things. Avoid travelling.
4	29	49	Doubtful day. Act discreetly in all affairs.
5	12	♋ 2	Business and correspondence in morning, ask favours in afternoon.
6	24	3	Quiet day. Attend to ordinary duties.
7	5	♌ 56	Good day for travelling, business, etc., after 10.30 a.m.
8	17	45	Evil up to 6 p.m.; then attend to correspondence, new plans, etc.
9	29	38	Good for social affairs, etc., in the evening; evil for all else.
10	11	♍ 37	Travel, deal with strangers and antiquarians.
11	23	49	Avoid disputes in morning; deal with correspondence, etc., after.
12	6	♎ 16	A doubtful day. Attend only to ordinary matters.
13	19	1	Attend to new enterprises, plans, etc., after 3 p.m.
14	2	♏ 6	Avoid social matters all day; attend amusements at night.
15	15	30	Travel and deal with psychic people and strangers.
16	29	11	An evil day for all things. Keep very quiet.
17	13	♐ 7	A good day for new undertakings, dealing with superiors, etc.
18	27	13	An evil day; avoid travelling and disputes.
19	11	♑ 26	Act with discretion all day. Do nothing important.
20	25	42	A doubtful day. Do nothing important.
21	9	♒ 58	Deal with superiors in afternoon; correspondence after 8 p.m.
22	24	12	Business affairs after 8 p.m.; other times act with discretion.
23	8	♓ 22	Attend entertainments; deal with strangers and opposite sex.
24	22	25	Avoid disputes and be careful in correspondence.
25	6	♈ 20	Morning excellent for business; rest of the day is unfavourable.
26	20	6	Morning is evil; afternoon do shopping; evening, correspond.
27	3	♉ 40	Attend to business in morning; rest of day keep quiet.
28	17	1	Deal with opposite sex in morning; nothing important after.
29	0	♊ 7	Afternoon deal with elders, make new enterprises, start new affairs.
30	12	57	Splendid day for beginning new undertakings and pushing affairs.
31	25	33	A quiet day; do nothing important.

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An All-round Improvement.

The lunation of the 30th May falls in the ascendant in sextile to Jupiter and Saturn, a beneficial influence, denoting a more settled condition of the people, and an all round improvement in the affairs of the nation. Trade will increase, and the financial position of the country be stronger. The public health will improve, birth-rate be on the increase, and theatres and concert halls benefit greatly. The position of Mars on the cusp of the third house denotes trouble in railways and the post office, increase of socialistic methods, danger of strikes, railway accidents and class differences. Foreign affairs are not so bright, there being danger of double dealing on the part of a neighbouring power. Colonial affairs will suffer, and disputes be prevalent, while shipping affairs will be much involved and disordered. The position of Jupiter in the fourth house in trine to Saturn, is good for agriculture, and the landed interests; legislation connected therewith will be brought forward. Saturn in the twelfth house in square to Mars points to an increase of crime and outrages, while hospitals and institutions may suffer through scandalous reports though their financial condition will be good.

United States.

At Washington, Uranus will be rising, and Venus and Neptune setting, pointing to unrest among the people and danger of smart diplomacy in dealing with other powers. Some important marriage scandal or divorce will be heard. Accidents will occur in the navy, and also on railways, while there will be as a consequence a depreciation of one or two railway stocks. The lunation on the cusp of the fifth house, will benefit theatres and concert halls, and there will be an increase in the birth-rate, especially of twins. At San Francisco, the planets Mars, Venus and Neptune will be in the eighth house, denoting many sudden and curious deaths by drowning or poison.

Australia.

At Melbourne, the lunation falls in the ninth house which will benefit shipping, and foreign affairs, though Saturn in the seventh will make some little drawback. Jupiter in the twelfth is good for sheep and cattle farmers. Trouble will be experienced in the Commonwealth Parliament, and socialistic propaganda will occasion much disputation.

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Cape Town.

At Capetown, the lunation falls on the cusp of the second house, which is good for the revenue, bringing a great increase of receipts, and benefiting the trade of the country. Some terrible disasters on railways are threatened, and a probable strike thereon.

India.

At Calcutta, Jupiter rises, which promises a better period for the troubled country, although the position of Mars, Venus and Neptune in the twelfth, points to some outrages, crime, and murders in the North West.

Europe.

At Petersburg, Mars rises in square to Saturn, pointing to outrages and insubordination among the people, and the assassination of officials and notables. A plot against the Czar is probable. At Constantinople, Mars will be in the second house, denoting trouble in money affairs, and disputes thereon. Mars is also in the second house in Berlin, where financial affairs will cause much alarm. Jupiter in Leo will benefit France and Italy, while trouble is to be anticipated in the Balkans. The ruler of Afghanistan should safeguard his person, for Saturn culminates at the moment of New Moon.

The Stock Exchange.

CONSOLS.—These will be quiet, just rising by accrued interest.

FOREIGN STOCKS.—Russians having had their leap will now subside gently till the wires are pulled for another loan. Spanish should rise again this month. All South Americans will advance but notably any Mexican Stocks, Mexican Merger Rails. The 4 per cent. Government Bonds should tempt many as a very sound investment.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.—I still advise the sound East Coast lines. Penns, Baltimores and New York Centrals; Canadas and Grand Trunks should sleep a bit.

HOME RAILS.—Leave alone or get rid of; bad times ahead.

Colonial Forecast.

India.

The Sun's entry into the sign Cancer at Calcutta, occurs on the cusp of the third house wherein are placed Neptune, Mars, Mercury and Venus, all conjoined, and in opposition to Uranus in the ninth. This is an ominous indication, pointing to serious railway accidents, outrages and sedition among the native press. Border warfare is threatened, disputes with outlying tribes, danger of fanaticism and a holy war. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the twelfth house is ominous of much crime and sedition, outrages, murders, and trouble through the lower orders of the people The viceroy should take especial trouble in safeguarding his person, as also some of the leading military authorities. Some great heat may be expected during the summer quarter. There will be heavy expenditure in arms and munitions of warfare. At Bombay, the conjoined planets in Cancer are close to the cusp of the fourth house, denoting heavy rains and floods, some seismic disturbances in the near vicinity of the city, and pointing very strongly to a native rising. Uranus in the tenth will accentuate the trouble, and cause much trouble to the authorities, rioting and incendiarism. The rising position of the Moon and Saturn will cause much depression and want among the people.

Cape Town.

At Capetown, the ingress takes place in the fifth house, denoting much mortality among the younger generation, danger of a fire at a theatre, an increase of betting and gambling, and much vice and immorality. Outrages on women and children will be prevalent. There will be a large appreciation of stocks, and mining shares, while the revenue will show a steady increase. Exciting scenes will be prevalent in the South African Parliament. Danger is shown to some of the leading men of the colony.

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Australia.

At Melbourne, the Sun will be in the first house at the moment of the ingress, and the four planets in Cancer will be in the second house. This denotes heavy losses to the revenue, depreciation of securities, fraud and forgery, and much mortality and sickness. There will be many sudden and strange deaths, suicides and murders. At Brisbane, the Moon and Saturn will be conjoined on the meridian, denoting the death of some prominent man of the city, as well as some disaster to the city itself. Saturn will transit the Moon and meridian in September.

New Zealand.

At Wellington, the Sun will have just risen, and the four planets in Cancer will be in the ascendant in opposition to Uranus in the seventh, an unfavourable indication for the Dominion. There will be much unrest and excitement among the people, illhealth, much downfall, heavy gales, shipwrecks, and losses to ship owners. Some great case will occupy the attention of the law courts. The revenue will be prosperous. The outlook for the Dominion for the coming three months is not at all propitious.

An Old Irish Marriage Spell.

Far away back into the early centuries, even to pagan times, the whole Irish nation had an implicit faith in charms; and in the present day, in the remoter parts that are only touched by the tourist, far from the railway, the following spell is still frequently though secretly practised. When a young man is resolved to gain the affections of a particular maid whom he desires to marry, he obtains by some means (which is easy, by means of a sympathetic agent—all women being by nature matchmakers) a long hair from the head of his charmer, with which he threads a needle and passes it through the skin of his own left arm She is then drawn to that arm, even against her own coyness—modesty (which is a strong virtue with Irish maids), or even her own inclination at first. Pat generally makes his girl love him after preliminaries. If she is one who has refused him and dislikes him, then he uses black instead of white magic. The long hair is then threaded as before, but before stitching his own arm he must pass it through the arm and left bosom of a dead man. It is said that she will then run after the man she was formerly anxious to avoid, and become an abject slave to him.—*From a MS. found in an old work on Magic, dated* 1650.

Astronomical Phenomena

FOR JUNE, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	7th	...	4h. 56m. morn.
Full Moon,	14th	...	1h. 55m. aft.
Last Quarter,	21st	...	5h. 26m. morn
New Moon	28th	...	4h. 32m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY is an evening star in Cancer well placed for observation during the first half of the month setting nearly two hours after the Sun. In conjunction with Mars on 7th and 18th; Mars, Venus and Mercury will be close together at the middle of the month.

VENUS will be an evening star in Cancer all the month; stationary on the 14th, in conjunction with Mars on the 23rd.

MARS is an evening star in Cancer all the month; in conjunction with Neptune on the 12th.

JUPITER is an evening star in Leo all the month.

SATURN is a morning star in Aries.

URANUS comes favourably for observation this month, in Capricorn.

NEPTUNE is not well placed for observation being too near the Sun.

The SUN enters Cancer on June 21st at 8.19 in the evening.

The Weather.

A warm but changeable month at the beginning, rainy about 5th; variable weather to the 8th, then fine and warm to 13th. Thunder storms 14th, 15th and 18th. Warmer and more settled at end. Some exceptionally heavy rain storms may be expected.

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Parlour Games of Amusement.

AN amusing and entertaining way of finding out common occurrences that are just about to happen, using the laws of chance to see a few hours or days ahead. Take three dice, shake them well in a box with your left hand, then cast out on board or table on which you have drawn a chalk or pencil circle. Never throw till after noon.

Three, a very pleasing surprise.

Four, a very disagreeable one.

Five, a stranger, who will prove a friend.

Six, approaching loss of property.

Seven, undeserved scandal.

Eight, merited reproach.

Nine, a wedding that affects you.

Ten, a christening, at which some important event will occur to you.

Eleven, a death that concerns you.

Twelve, a letter, speedily.

Thirteen, tears and sighs.

Fourteen, a new admirer.

Fifteen, beware that you are not drawn into some trouble or plot.

Sixteen, a pleasant journey.

Seventeen, you will either be on the water or have dealings with those belonging to it, to your advantage.

Eighteen, a great profit, rise in life, or some most desirable good will happen almost immediately; for the answers to the dice are always fulfilled within nine days. To throw the same number twice at one trial shows news from abroad, be the number what it may. If the dice roll over the circle, the number thrown goes for nothing, but the occurrence shows sharp words, and if they fall to the floor, it is blows.

Another entertaining pastime with dominoes. We recommend dominoe cards, which are so convenient and can be carried in a vest pocket, they are only 8d. a pack, post free 9d. Shuffle the dominoe cards (or if bone dominoes are used shuffle them face downwards), then place them with their faces on the table, draw one and see the number.

Double-six, receiving a handsome sum of money.

Six-five, going to a public amusement.

Six-four, lawsuits.

Six-three, ride in a coach.

Six-two, present of clothing.

Six-one, you will soon perform a friendly action.

Six-blank, guard against scandal, or you will suffer by your inattention.

Double-five, a new abode, to your advantage.

Five-four, a fortunate speculation.

Five-three, a visit from a superior.

Five-two, a water-party.

Five-one, a love intrigue.

Five-blank, a funeral, but not of a relation.

Double-four, drinking liquor at a distance.

Four-three, a false alarm at your house.

Four-two, beware of thieves or swindlers. Ladies, take notice of this—it means more than it says.

Four-one, trouble from creditors.

Four-blank, you will receive a letter from an angry friend.

Double-three, a sudden wedding, at which you will be vexed.

Three-two, buy no lottery-tickets, nor enter into any games of chance, or you will lose.

Three-one, a great discovery at hand.

Three-blank, betrayal of love.

Double-two, you will be plagued by a jealous partner.

Two-one, you will mortgage or pledge some property very soon.

Double-one, you will soon find something to your advantage in the street or road.

Double-blank, the worst presage in all the set of dominoes; you will soon meet trouble from a quarter for which you are quite unprepared.

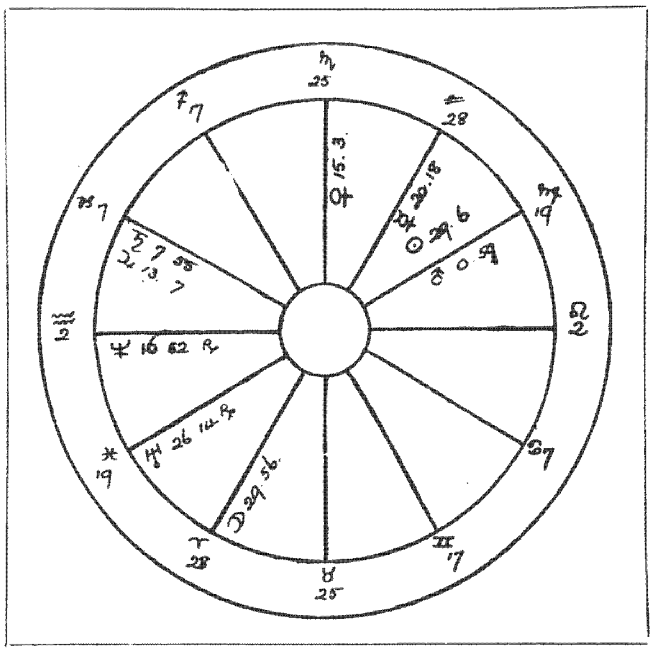
It is useless for any person to draw more than three dominoes at one time of trial, or in one and the same month, as they will only deceive themselves; shuffle the dominoes each time of choosing.

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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

IX.—The Sultan of Turkey.

THE Ruler who forms the subject of our study for this month is the Sultan of Turkey, and his horoscope should be one of more than usual interest, on account of the many predictions which have been made by nearly all the English astrologers, as to the break up of the Empire over which he rules, and of the many terrible happenings to the "Sick Man," none of which have ever come to pass, and as a matter of fact, are probably never likely to. We are aware that the horoscope we append on this page is different to one which appeared in a contemporary a few months back, both as regards time of birth and date, but we have yet to be convinced that the figure here given is other than the true one. Without doubt the true horoscope is well known to the Turkish astrologers but the time is withheld, and for very good reasons. We are informed, however, by the Turkish Chief Astrologer, on the authority of the *Daily Express*, that the Sultan will not die a violent death, but that he will live until he is 75, and succumb to an infectious complaint. This horoscope yields satisfactory arcs for such an event at the age indicated.



But now to a few words about our subject. The planet Neptune rising in Aquarius, trine to Mercury, but square to Venus, well accords with the nature and disposition of this remarkable man. Cunning, treacherous, a good judge of human nature, with the ability to forsee the result of his actions, and so act right up to the very last thread before giving way; all these are traits well known to exist in his dealings with other powers, as in the case of the Paris Note of Nov. 4th, 1901, when he allowed affairs to come to almost a crisis before taking any step to comply therewith. Other similar cases may be familiar to our readers' minds, sometimes where a naval demonstration has been rendered necessary owing to his peculiar trait of sailing too close to the wind. Looking at some of the chief events in the life of the Sultan, and they are rather numerous, we have the following to note. The death of his father occurred on 26th June, 1861. The ascendant was then directed to the opposition of Mars, ruler of the tenth house. He ascended the throne on 31st August, 1876, when the meridian was directed to the trine of the Moon, and Jupiter was in transit over the meridian of the horoscope. The Russian war in the autumn of 1877 was heralded by M.C. trine Mars, and the Moon passing through the seventh house in parallel to Mars. The

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Grecian war in the spring 1897, took place under Asc. trine Mars. The attempt on his life in July, 1905, was brought about by a transit of Mars over the opposition of the progressed ascendant.

But now as regards the future. Many lugubrious predictions have been made as to the early dissolution of the Turkish Empire and the death of the Sultan, but the directions to my mind do not seem to show such alarming indications at least in the near future. The Sun has passed the square of Mars, and the only evil indications shown are in the spring of next year when the Moon is conjoined with the progressed Mars, square to Saturn and Jupiter, though just at the present time the Moon is passing the opposition of Uranus, and then the conjunction of the Sun.

Still, as the horoscope is merely a theoretical one, we cannot say too much on this subject, but it is interesting to note that the Turkish Astrologers' prediction that the Sultan would die of an infectious complaint at the age of 75, is born out by this horoscope which yields a direction of Asc. square Mars, for that period, the ascendant as can be seen, being the hyleg.

The Delphian Oracle.

METHOD OF FOREKNOWLEDGE.

KEYINGHAM, HULL,
April 27th, 1908.

To the Editor of THE MESSENGER.

DEAR SIR,—Inquiries *re* "The Delphian Oracle" are coming in so frequently I offer you a further contribution, and hope that this will relieve me from the necessity of replying to persons for further explanations and opinions, as I have little time to spare. My position is that of a worker and not an "Oracle."

My original contribution was given as a curious and interesting method to foreknowledge, and nothing more. Matters are becoming serious. One does not wish to become so popular; it hinders me by leading my mind from concentrating upon my business, which means bread and butter to me.

Last week I had three letters soliciting explanations, etc. Now I cannot answer inquirers under any conditions, neither for payment or free; let this be understood by your readers. I have other duties to perform.

One letter of enquiry was the result of West Manchester election. I answered this letter.

Your readers may be interested to learn how I tried to solve the result.

The letter was opened and read at 7 a.m., April 22, 1908. (See "Our Days and Hours.")

As the Hon. Winston S. Churchill was the Member of Parliament for this division, he was compelled to re-contest the seat; therefore, the question at the moment was to my mind, "Will he secure the seat?"

If your readers will take up their February number, they will find the original contribution, and can check off the following:—

Winston S. Churchill 6 1 53475 · 3 · 286228133	...	+	= 69
West Manchester 6 534 · 4152853452...	...	+	= 57
April 22nd, 1908, is Wednesday			= 27
7 o'clock a.m. is the Moon's hour			= 7

Winston S. Churchill	...	=	69
West Manchester	...	=	57
Wednesday ...	...	=	27
Moon's Hour	...	=	7
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The remainder is not a fortunate number, therefore we must conclude he will be unfortunate.

I then was asked to solve the City and Suburban by the Oracle. Now if one could do things of this kind I should not need to work hard. Clients would keep me in a very comfortable position, month by month. However, I am not yet "in the know." Some of your numerous readers may fall upon "a method" and get there before the writer; if they do, don't forget "the bridge" which asked no toll to those pastures on the other side.

Trusting your monthly magazine will prosper and become more popular than ever in the future.

I am, yours respectfully,
THOS. S. EYRE.

Mr. Eyres is the author of "Our Days and Hours." He writes to us further as follows:—

"To concentrate upon these questions needs more time than I can afford. Within this method there may be 'a way' to foreknowledge little dreamed by us. I hope some student with gifts will take up this subject and thrash it out. Ahmad's System, which I found not practicable, was the means of suggesting the present method. To systematise it would require a lot of time and experience, and I think this could only be done by 'a sensitive' to thought waves.

"Yours, etc., THOS. S. EYRE."

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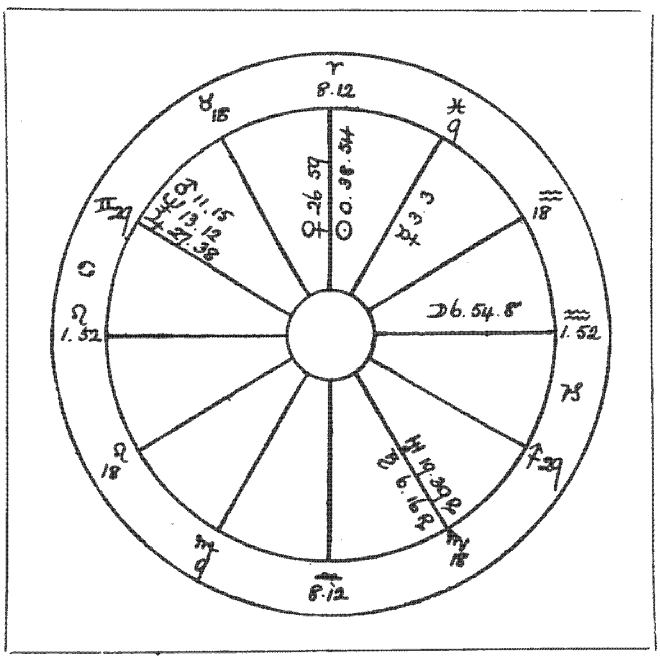
Example Horoscopes for Students.

Death in Infancy.

No 9.—Female child, born 21st March, 1895, at 0.30 p.m., in Lat 51. 16 N., Long 1. 18. E.
Died from Marasmus, on 11th May, 1895.

AS some of our friendly critics are in favour of taking cases of more recent date, as examples for students, we have taken the opportunity of utilising the present case in order to satisfy them, and also for the purpose of illustrating a further method of computing the synodic lunation, one which has never previously been brought to the notice of students, but which is used under certain configurations of the luminaries.

The child in question was born in a workhouse in the east of England—there being no question as to whether local or Greenwich time was used, as it was the custom to go by the latter—at the date and time above given, and died at the early age of 41 days. The case is also interesting from the point of view of the hyleg. Both the Sun and Moon hold hylegical positions, the former being close to the cusp of the tenth house, and the latter in the seventh. The Moon, however, appears to hold the prerogative of hyleg, being in close square to Saturn, ruler of the eighth house, and to this we must place the astrological cause of the early death, as far as the horoscope is concerned.



Now the particular point to which students are asked to note is in the calculation of the synodic lunation. In this case the luminaries are both placed in one of the quadrants of the figure, between the cusps of the tenth and seventh houses, and instead of taking the distance between the luminaries, and calculating their monthly return to the same distance, we adopt an entirely different plan.

We calculate the middle point between the Sun and Moon, a point which is equidistant from each, and compute each succeeding date when the luminaries are both equidistant from such middle point. This occurs more frequently than the other method, about every 21 days, instead of every 29.

The middle point in this case is 3 ♓ 46.31 and the luminaries form their second equidistant position at 4.24 a.m. on 11th May, 1895, the actual day of death. At this time the Moon was in 17.21 ♐ and the Sun in 20.13 ♉.

The next interesting point to show is this. The middle point between the Moon and Saturn is ♐ 21.35, and the Moon is now distant from this point 4°.14′, which turned into time at the rate the Moon is moving on the day of death, brings us 12 minutes past twelve at noon. A figure for this time shows the ascendant in opposition to the middle point between the luminaries, and the radical Moon on the cusp of the sixth house. This illustration is not so clear as some, but it shows the modus operandi of the synodic lunation when the luminaries are placed in the aforesaid position.

In these days when we are all asking and agitating for not more than the eight-hour day (we believe in many Government offices it is six hours), it would make us blush to read the time-table of an ordinary good housewife and mother—we all know many such, here it is:—6, get up; 6.30 to 7.30, prepare for weekly wash and dress children; 7.30, get breakfast ready; 8, breakfast; 8.30, husband leaves for city; 9 to 10, take child to school and do shopping; 10 to 12.30, washing; 12.30, I prepare dinner, maid fetches child; 1, dinner; till 2.30, rest; 2.30 to 4, damp and iron small things; 4, baby and I call for May and go for short walk until 5, tea; 6, bath children, prepare evening meal; 7.30, have our dinner, clear away, knit or sew, while husband smokes; 10, bed.

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Oracles of the Ancients.

(Continued from last month.)

Oracle of Delos.

The oracle of Apollo was one of the most famous oracles in the world, not only for its antiquity, but for the richness of presents dedicated to the god, and the number of persons that resorted hither from all parts for advice. The island had the name of Delos from the clear and simple terms in which the answers were here given by the oracle, contrary to the ambiguity observed in other places; but it was consulted only while Apollo made Delos his summer residence, for his winter abode was at Patara, a city of Lycia. The presents offered by the votaries to Apollo were laid on the altar, which was erected by Apollo himself, and formed of the horns of goats killed by Diana on Mount Cynthus. It was preserved pure from blood and every kind of pollution, as offensive to Apollo. The whole island was an asylum, which was extended to all living creatures, dogs excepted, which were not suffered to be brought on shore.

The native deities, Apollo and Diana, had three very magnificent temples erected for them in this island. That of Apollo was, according to Strabo, begun by Erysiapthus, the son of Cecrops, who possessed this island 1558 years B.C.; but it was afterwards much enlarged and embellished at the general charge of all the Grecian states. Plutarch says that it was one of the most stately buildings in the universe, and describes its altar as deserving a place among the seven wonders of the world. The inscription in this temple, Aristotle informs us, was as follows: "*Of all things the most beautiful is justice; the most useful is health; and the most agreeable is the possession of the beloved object.*"

Round the temple were magnificent porticoes, built at the charge of various princes, as appears from the still legible inscriptions. To this temple the neighbouring islands sent yearly a company of virgins to celebrate with dancing the festival of Apollo and his sister Diana, and to make offerings in the name of their respective cities.

Delos was held in such reverence that even the Persians, after having laid waste the other islands and everywhere destroyed the temples of the gods, spared Delos; and Datis, the Persian admiral, forebore to anchor in the harbour.

Oracles of Ammon.

The Temple of Jupiter Ammon was in the deserts of Libya, nine days' journey from Alexandria. It had a famous oracle, which, according to tradition, was established about eighteen centuries before the time of Augustus by two doves which flew away from Thebais in Egypt, and came, one to Dodona and the other to Libya, where the people were soon informed of their divine mission. The oracle of Ammon was consulted by Hercules, Perseus, and others; but when it pronounced Alexander to be the son of Jupiter, such flattery destroyed its long-established reputation, and in the age of Plutarch it was scarcely known. The situation of the temple was pleasant; and there was near it a fountain whose waters were cold at noon and midnight, and warm in the morning and evening. There were above 100 priests in the temple, but the elders only delivered oracles. There was also an oracle of Jupiter Ammon in Æthiopia.

Oracles of Dodona.

Dodona was a town in Epirus. There was in its neighbourhood, upon a small hill called Tmarus, a celebrated oracle of Jupiter. The town and temple of the god were first built by Deucalion, after the universal deluge. It was supposed to be the most ancient oracle of all Greece, and according to the traditions of the Egyptians mentioned by Herodotus, it was founded by a dove. Two black doves, as he relates, took their flight from the city of Thebes, in Egypt, one of which flew to the temple of Jupiter Ammon, and the other to Dodona, where, with a human voice, they acquainted the inhabitants of the country that Jupiter had consecrated the ground, which in future would give oracles The extensive grove which surrounded Jupiter's temple endowed with the gift of prophecy, and oracles were frequently delivered by the sacred oaks and the doves which inhabited the place. The fabulous tradition of the oracular power of the doves is *explained* by Herodotus, who observes that some Phœnicians carried away two *priestesses* from Egypt, one of which went to fix her residence at Dodona, where the oracle was established. It may further be observed that the fable might have been founded upon the double meaning of the word *peleiai*, which signifies *doves* in most parts of Greece, while in the dialect of the Epirots it implies *old women*. In ancient times the oracles were delivered by the murmuring of a neighbouring fountain, but the custom was afterwards changed. Large kettles were suspended in the air near a brazen statue, which held a lash in its hands. When the wind blew strong, the statue was agitated and struck against one of the kettles, which communicated the motion to all the rest, and raised that clattering and discordant din which continued for a while, and from which the priests drew their predictions. Some suppose that the noise was occasioned by the shaking of the leaves and the boughs of an old oak which the people frequently consulted, and from which they pretended to receive the oracles. It is more probable that the oracles were delivered by priests who, concealing themselves behind the oaks, gave occasion to the multitude to believe that the trees were endowed with the power of prophecy. As the ship Argo was built with some of the oaks of

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the forest of Dodona, there were some beams in the vessel which gave oracles to the Argonauts, and warned them against the approach of calamity. Within the forest of Dodona there was a stream with a fountain of cool water, which had the power of lighting a torch as soon as it touched it. This fountain was totally dry at noonday, and was restored to its full course at midnight, from which time till the following noon it began to decrease, and at the usual hour was deprived of its waters. The oracles of Dodona were originally delivered by men, but afterwards by women.

The Roman Augurs.

The Augurs were certain Priests at Rome who foretold future events. They were first created by Romulus to the number of three. Servius Tullius added a fourth, and the tribunes of the people A.U.C., 454, increased the number to nine, and Sylla added six more during his dictatorship. They had a particular college, and the chief amongst them was called *Magister Collegii*. Their office was honourable; and if any one of them was convicted of any crime, he could not be deprived of his privilege—an indulgence granted to no other sacerdotal body at Rome. The augur generally sat on a high tower to make his observations. His face was turned towards the east, and he had the north to his left and the south at his right. With a crooked staff he divided the face of the heavens into four different parts, and afterwards sacrificed to the gods, covering his head with his vestment. There were generally five things from which the augurs drew omens. The first consisted in observing the phenomena of the heavens, such as thunder, lightning, comets, etc. The second kind of omen was drawn from the chirping or flying of birds. The third was from the sacred chickens, whose eagerness or indifference in eating the bread which was thrown to them was looked upon as lucky or unlucky. The fourth was from quadrupeds, from their crossing or appearing in some unaccustomed place. The fifth was from different casualties, which were called *Dira*, such as spilling salt upon a table, or wine upon one's clothes, hearing strange noises, stumbling or sneezing, meeting a wolf, hare, fox or pregnant bitch. Thus did the Romans draw their prophecies; the sight of birds on the left hand was always deemed a lucky object, and the words *sinister and lævus*, though generally supposed to be the terms of ill luck, were always used by the augurs in an auspicious sense.

The Sibylline Books.

A strange old woman came once to Tarquinius Superbus, King of Rome, with nine books, copies of the following work, which, she said, were the ORACLES OF THE SIBYLS, and proffered to sell them. But the King making some scruple about the price, she went away and burnt three of them, and returning with the six asked the same sum as before. Tarquin only laughed at the humour, upon which the old woman left him once more; and after she had burnt three others, came again with those that were left, but still kept to her old terms. The king began now to wonder at her obstinacy, and thinking there might be something more than ordinary in the business, sent for the Augurs to consult what was to be done. They, when their divinations were performed, soon acquainted him what a piece of impiety he had been guilty of by refusing a treasure sent to him from heaven, and commanded him to give whatever she demanded for the books that remained. The woman received her money, and delivered the writings, and only charging them by all means to keep them sacred, immediately vanished. Two of the nobility were presently after chosen to be the keepers of these oracles, which were laid up with all imaginable care in the capitol, in a chest under ground. They could not be consulted without a special order of the Senate, which was never granted unless upon the receiving some notable defeat, upon the rising of any considerable mutiny or sedition in the State, or upon some other extraordinary occasion.

The number of priests in this, as in most other orders, was several times altered. The Decemviri continued till about the year of the city 388, when the tribunes of the people preferred a law that there should be ten men elected for this service, part out of the nobility and part out of the commons. We meet with the Decemviri all along from hence, till about the time of Sylla the dictator, when the Quindecemviri occur. It were needless to give any further account of the Sibyls than that they are generally agreed to have been ten in number, for which we have the authority of Varro, though some make them nine, some four, some three, and some only one. They all lived in different ages and countries, were all prophetesses, and, according to common opinion, foretold the coming of our Saviour. As to the writing, Dempster tells us it was on linen.

Solinus acquaints us that the books which Tarquin bought were burnt in the conflagration of the Capitol the year before Sylla's dictatorship. Yet there were others of their inspired writings, or at least copies or extracts of them, gathered up in Greece and other parts, upon a special search made by order of the Senate, which were kept with the same care as the former till about the time of Theodosius the Great, when, the greatest part of the Senate having embraced the Christian Faith, they began to grow out of fashion; until at last Stilicho burnt them all, under Henerius, for which he is severely censured by the poet Rutilius.

The Writing of Belaspis.

A TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL MS. OF THE BOOK OF FATE.

Priests of Thebais! Servants in the great temple of Hecatompylos! Ye who in the sacred city Diospolis have dedicated your lives to the service of the Kings of the Gods and of men! Hermes, the interpreter of the will of Osiris, greets you!

It is the will of the Gods, in grand assembly convened, that ye preserve your lives free from stain and pollution.

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It is their will that ye continue to instruct the nations, as they may be permitted to know.

It is the pleasure of Osiris, sitting on his throne of clouds, and surrounded by the inferior deities, that ye make known to his subjects, his children upon earth, whatever may concern their destiny, and what matters ye shall find written in the book of books—the Written Roll of Man's Fate, now committed to your safe keeping—that ye do this strictly and truly, without fear of danger, or hope of reward, according to all questions that may be asked by individual persons, by tribes, by rulers of states, and by conquerors of nations.

Osiris commandeth the servants in his favoured sanctuary to show favour unto none in the answers which it will be their duty to give from this book. Let sacrifices, and gifts, and invocations be made; let the question be asked in all humility and strong faith, and when the Diviner hath consulted the windings and intricacies of the problem according to the instructions hereunto appended, let the result be written and handed to the chief Prophet or Prophetess (seated on a stool with three legs), who shall read and interpret the writings of Hermes unto the enquirer, in the face of all the assembled people.

And the prophet or prophetess shall read no writing but what hath been truly given to her by the priest who doth officiate in the sacrifice; and the priest shall not add to, nor diminish from, what he findeth to be the true answer to the question asked, as in this Roll of Man's Fate contained; neither shall he substitute one answer for another, but in all things he shall do according to the instructions herein given.

The highest among the Gods in like way ordaineth that no bribe or private gift shall be offered or taken, either by the individual who enquireth, or by the priest who maketh answer to the consultation; let the gift which is to be offered be of free will, and let it be put upon the altar after the sacrifice hath been consumed, in the face of all the people. If herein the priests offend, they shall on the instant be struck down, and pinioned to the earth by the piercing and fiery arrows which the great Osiris in his anger, speaking from the clouds, hurleth at offending mortals. Look to it that in this ye offend not.

It is further enjoined ye take strict charge of this book; that no one but the priests do touch it with their hands, and that it be preserved in a chest of alabaster, to be placed under the altar in the midst of the temple. It is in like way commanded that copies of the book be written as occasion requireth, and that they be transmitted unto the priests of the other temples throughout the earth; also that they be deposited in the tombs of the Kings and of the High Priests as followeth:—

When the body hath been embalmed and sufficiently swathed in fine cloth, let the roll of writing be placed under the left breast, and let the vestment be bound over it so that it shall be covered close and hid from view. The body shall then be attended by the princes, and priests, and people to the place of sepulture, where it is to be interred with honour, a strong and durable building being raised on the top thereof.

How the Enquirer shall obtain a True Answer to the Question which he putteth to the Oracle.

When a man or woman doth come to enquire aught of you, O Priests! let the gifts be made and the sacrifices offered up; and let the invocations of the servants of the temple be chaunted.

When silence hath been restored, the diviner shall direct the stranger who hath come to enquire of the oracle, to trace with a reed dipped in the blood of the sacrifice, in the midst of a circle containing the twelve signs of the zodiac, five rows of upright or inclined lines in the manner following | | |

so that they may approximate, or meet each other, at right angles.

The hieroglyphic whereat the fingers meet must now be noted; and the diviner, having looked into the roll, is therein to search out the *counterpart* of the same hieroglyphic.

Having found it, he is to search further on the left hand side of the matter, or answers, appended unto this hieroglyphic, for the counterpart of the sign, or column of stars, which, in the commencement of the consultation had incidentally, or by the ordination of Fate, been produced by the enumeration of the surplus over twelve, of the lines traced by the enquirer within the circle.

The words attached to the sign or column of stars, will be the just and true answer to the question put; which, see no one do pervert to any false purpose of deceit, enmity, or wickedness.

No further ceremony now remaineth, but that the Priest who hath acted in the divination do write down the answer truly, and, with his finger placed upon his lips, hand it unto the Prophet or Prophetess, who shall in a loud voice proclaim its contents unto the person who came to enquire.

In conclusion, I am commanded to write unto you, that it is the duty of the Priests to instruct all those that consult the oracle, that it behoveth them to be contented with whatever answer they may, through Fate, receive; and to follow implicitly and without reservation, whatever the oracle, in its answers, may happen to dictate. If the instructions of Hermes be not obeyed, what booteth it to enquire? If the consulter be herein disobedient to the will of Osiris, the evil be upon his own head.

Further, O Priests! be warned to make no divination, nor to admit of any gift, sacrifice, or consultation save during the night season, and that, too, only whilst Isis shineth in the fulness of her beauty. Neither shall ye give answers on those days and nights on which either Osiris, who ruleth the heavens by day, or the Queen of his love, who ruleth by night, do veil the comeliness and majesty of their countenances from the eyes of mortals, and whilst they do retire from the labours of their celestial course, within the chambers of their sanctuary of rest.

These are the words which I, Belaspis, have been commanded by my great master, Hermes Trismegistus, to write unto you, O Priests of Thebais.

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We printed a full edition.

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She said with a charming pout.
So again in the press the form was placed
And we got several "extras" out.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

IX.—The Future.

OF all the many different subjects in which astrology is useful, there is none which is so much misunderstood as what is vulgarly and wrongly termed "the future." I use the words "vulgarly" and "wrongly" in the strict sense their meanings imply; in the former, because the common and vulgar idea of astrology is that it is merely predicting the future, as though we were a set of automatons, at the mercy of every different influence which comes along and bound to suffer just whatever the stars indicated, and in the latter, because the term "the future" is a wrong one, and has no basis, either astrological or rational; in other words, there is no such thing as "the future."

In dealing with this subject, it is not my intention of discussing on the merits or demerits of any particular method of calculating what is known as "the future," that is, the good and evil periods in our lives, as such belongs to the mathematical side of the science. The plan in view is to try and show the ethical side of the subject, by pointing out what is really meant by the words of our subject, and to explain that the future in its strictest sense rests entirely with ourselves, and not with the stars.

The question which appeals no doubt to the majority of my readers is, "What is the Future?" As an astrologer, no one knows better than I the numerous appeals which are made from humanity at large. "Tell me the future." "I want to know whether the future will be better than the past," and to all these I have the invariable answer, "Your future life depends to a very large extent upon yourself." To these questions and the answer I hope to give a satisfactory reason.

First of all, I will do away with the superstitious and erroneous notion that it is possible by astrology to foretell all the various events of life, in exact nature and particulars. What does Claudius Ptolemy in the first Aphorism of his Centiloquy say: "Judgment must be regulated by thyself as well as by the science, for it is not possible that particular forms of events should be declared by any person, however scientific; since the understanding conceives only a certain general idea of some sensible event, and not its particular form. It is, therefore, necessary for him who practises to adopt inference. They only who are inspired by the Deity can predict particulars." Again, in the fifth Aphorism he says: "A skilful person acquainted with the nature of the stars is enabled to avert many of their effects, and to prepare himself for those effects before they arrive." Also, in the eighth Aphorism, "A sagacious mind improves the operation of the heavens, as a skilful farmer by cultivation improves nature."

In these three aphorisms we have the whole meaning of the term "the future" in a nutshell. First, that no one has the power to predict events; second, that the effects of the stars may be averted; and third, that the operations of the heavens may be improved. The explanation of this is as follows:—

(1) What we mean by "the future" is simply the good and evil periods of life. When the time of birth is known, *and only when it is known*, we are enabled by mathematical laws to calculate these good and evil periods in our lives, some of short duration, others of longer; some of slight power for either good or evil, others of a very prominent and powerful nature. These periods are governed by the aspects of certain planets, and from their position in the horoscope we are enabled to foretell whether such periods are evil or beneficial for health, financial affairs, position, reputation, and all the material and temporal conditions of life. Beyond this the future is a dead wall. It is utterly impossible for any one to declare from the study of a horoscope and the calculation of these certain periods, that at a definite date in life Mr. So-and-So would receive a legacy of £50,000; or that John Jones would be run over by a railway train and killed. Yet there are many people who seriously think this can be done.

(2) To anyone who has a knowledge of astrology, or has had advice from an expert, and finds that at a certain period of life evil effects are likely to fall, say, on position, can, to use the words of Ptolemy, "so prepare himself for such effects before they arrive," and avert many of them. Suppose, for example, a person has Sun square Jupiter operating during his 35th year, and knows two or three years beforehand that this influence is likely to bring about a reversal of position or heavy loss of money. Will it be reasonable to suppose that he is to sit still and let this influence overwhelm him, or should he be on the alert to safeguard his position and finances, so that when the evil period has arrived the effects will not be so heavy, and many of them may be averted. Note, please, I do *not* say that he can avert or avoid them *all*. Ptolemy himself does not say so; his words are, "a skilful person . . . is enabled to avert *many* of their effects and to prepare himself for them before they arrive." It is, therefore, *not* to be understood that the effects of evil influences can be *wholly* averted.

(3) In the same manner, one who has a knowledge of the science or been advised thereon, can "improve the operation of the heavens," and when good periods are to hand can so work and act as to seize the opportunities which come and turn them to much advantage. As an example, let us take a horoscope where the Sun is in sextile to Saturn at a given period. Such an influence might bring promotion, increase of honour and dignity, etc. Therefore, it is within the bounds of the native's power to so make use of his abilities that when the time actually arrives the effects of this benefic influence may be very much greater, the promotion and honour may be double to what it would have been had he simply waited for the influence to come.

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Thus do I say, and repeat, that the possibilities of the future lie concealed with us, and rest almost entirely with ourselves. There is no such thing as a hard and fast fate, that whatever influence comes along we must submit to with a kind of sentimental resignation. Troubles and trials are sent to try and test us, to find whether we are awake or sleeping, not to hurt or injure us, and opportunities and benefits come in proportion to our power to fight against the obstacles, and as a reward for our vigilance.

This subject will be continued in next month's issue.

Book Reviews.

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A large G shows the influence to be *good*.
A small g ,, ,, to be *slightly* good.
A large B ,, ,, to be *bad*.
A small b ,, ,, to be *slightly* bad.
D, or no letter at all, shows that it is doubtful, or not applicable to the events of daily life.

The way to use it is thus:—

If you receive any letter, hear any news, have anything offered to you to buy, any one taken suddenly ill, or any other event that may happen, see the time when you *first* hear about it, refer to the table, and see of what nature the influence is that happens next.

For instance, suppose on January 22nd I receive a letter containing important news, or an important proposal, which I read at 8 a.m. I turn to the table and find that the first influence *after* 8 a.m. occurs at 10.26 a.m. and is G, or good; it is also followed by another good one at 0.12 p.m., consequently the news or proposals will, in all probability, turn out successful or beneficial. But suppose it was 8 a.m. on February 6th, I turn to the table and find an influence at 10.54 a.m. which is B, or bad, consequently the news or proposals will not turn out satisfactorily, and had better be left alone.

Suppose a person comes to me on January 14th at noon, and wants me to buy something, or proposes a speculation to me, I turn to the table and find at 3.55 p.m. there is a large G, which shows that the proposal is favourable, or that I may buy or speculate; but if the same thing occurred on the 16th, I find the influence is bad, and consequently I should leave everything alone.

If the influence is signified by a small letter, use great care, as it is of a weak nature, also if a little g is followed by a large B; but a small b followed by a large G shows a little trouble at first, then that the matter will turn out favourable in the end.

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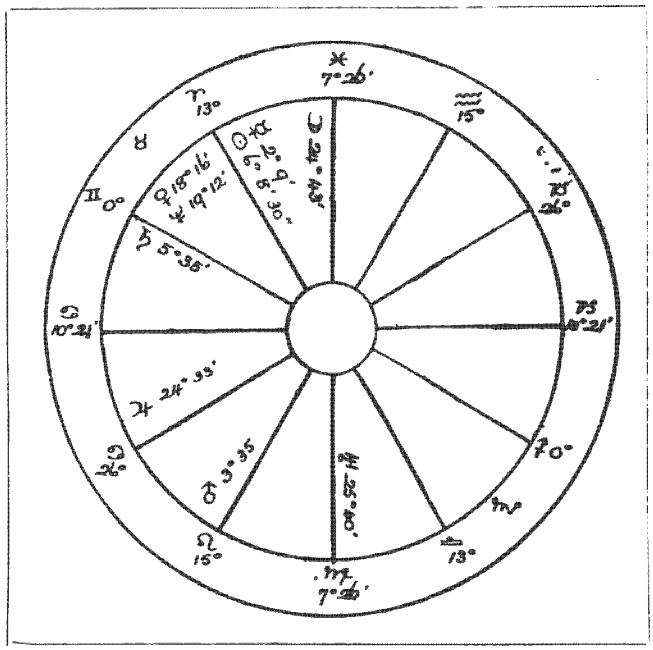
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—IX.

A Noted German Pianist.

THE subject of our study this month is the horoscope of a celebrated German Pianist, whose name we are not at liberty to disclose. He was born at Leipsic, on March 26th, 1884, at 10.30 a.m. (standard time). The time of birth was obtained from the gentleman himself by a lady student of astrology and communicated to the Editor some time back, and we now have pleasure in presenting his horoscope to our readers. For the instruction of students in putting up a horoscope for standard time, they are informed, that time at Leipsic (Eastern Europe time) is taken as one hour faster than Greenwich, hence, the Greenwich time corresponding to the birth time is 9.30 a.m. The longitude of Leipsic being 12.21 E., equal to 49m. 24s., the true local time thereat would be 10.19.36 a.m. for which time the horoscope is erected.



The sign Cancer rises, with the Moon ruler of the horoscope elevated in the sign Pisces in trine to Jupiter, but opposed to Uranus. This denotes his popularity and success, also that he will rise to a great height in his profession, receive the plaudits of the people, but there is a danger of sudden fall, and his latter days may not be so prosperous.

His musical talents come from the conjunction of Venus and Neptune, the finest of all aspects for that rare musical talent of high genius. It is not acquired gift with our subject. Just as poets are born, not made, so are musicians. Not those who borrow a crotchet from one composer, or a quaver from another, or a bar from another, and putting them together in haste and muddle, call it original composition, but one who flares through the world meteor like, leaving behind him a flood of divinely inspired melody in every touch of his fingers on the ivory keys. These are the real musicians, and such a one is our subject. With the gift of music, the internal ambition and enthusiasm to rise in life, and make both a name and a fame, all this is shown in the horoscope. Steadiness, serious devotion to his work, a geniality and *bonhomme* which will make him popular where ever he goes, our artist will rise in his profession, and leave a name and a fame for future generations.

From the present time until he is well past forty, the influences are strong and powerful. The meridian passes the conjunction of Mercury, and the Sun, sextile of Saturn, and trine of Mars, and the ascendant makes benefic aspects to the same. His 28th, 34th and 41st years are most evil.

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Birthday Influences during June.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ☿, ☌ ♂, □ ♄, ☌ ♆. An evil birthday; danger of accidents, illhealth and bereavement, and many troubles and worries. A child born on this day will have a chequered career, will be sharp and active, but in danger of disgrace through impulsive and questionable actions and may end his days in poverty.

2. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♋, ☍ ♅, ☌ ♀. An evil birthday, especially for single women who should be careful of disgrace and trouble. A child born on this day will be in danger of ruin through the other sex, and if a female, will get into trouble in early life.

3. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, par ☉ & ♆. A doubtful anniversary; benefits in employ, but affairs generally in an involved condition. A child born on this day will not have a very eventful career, should always remain in employ and never undertake work on own responsibility.

4. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♌, △ ♄, ☌ ♃, ✶ ☉. A beneficial birthday, social and financial gain, benefits in employ, but danger of disputes. A child born on this day will be successful in life and rise to a good position, but will have a rather hasty temper and be liable to accidents.

5. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♌, ∠ ☿, ☌ & ♆, ☍ ♄ & ♅. A year of worries and annoyances, and many little upsets. A child born on this day will always be in trouble and have more than his share of trouble and disasters. He should always remain in employ and live carefully.

6. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♆, ☌ & ♀. A good anniversary, many changes, new work and undertakings, and financial success and benefits through opposite sex. A child born on this day will have a successful career, be active and enterprising, intellectual and very impressionable.

7. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, □ ☉, △ ♅, ✶ ♀. A changeable anniversary, some important changes and financial benefits, but danger of accidents and loss of employment. A child born on this day will be rash and adventurous, very clever and acute, but liable to over-reach himself and incur the displeasure of superiors.

8. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎. A quiet year generally, no important events. A child born on this day will have a quiet career, but should always remain in the employ of others and not take on responsible positions.

9. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♎, △ ☉, □ ♆, ♅ ☌ & ☿, ☍ ♄, ✶ ♃. A very troublesome and changeable year, danger of illhealth and bereavement, with many losses and worries, but gain through friends and in employment. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life, have many difficulties to face, but will gain in employment and through the help of friends and superiors.

10. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♎, □ ♀. A quiet year generally, bad for financial matters and dealings with the other sex. A child born on this day will have a rather quiet and uniform career, but will meet with trouble through the opposite sex.

11. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♅, □ ♃, △ ♆, ☌ & ☿. A favourable anniversary, important benefits and changes, new work and undertakings, but heavy expenses. A child born on this day will be sharp, clever, and intelligent, inventive and ingenious; will gain credit and renown in his work and occupation, but will be rather extravagant.

12. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, ☍ ♆, ♄ ☌ & ☿, △ ♀. A year of many little worries and annoyances, but financial gain and benefits through the other sex; beware of plots. A child born on this day will be wayward, restless, erratic and fanciful; will have much to contend with in life, though will have many friends to help.

13. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♐, △ ♃, △ ♄. A fortunate anniversary, some important gains and benefits, both socially and financially; improvement of position. A child born on this day will rise in life and gain through the help and assistance of others; will be capable of holding responsible positions, and be very successful.

14. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♐, ☌ ☉. An unfortunate anniversary, danger of reversal or loss of employment; many worries and annoyances. A child born on this day will have much trouble in life, difficulties in employment, and trouble with superiors who will not be favourably disposed toward him. He should always remain in employ.

15. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♑, □ ♄. An evil year, danger of bereavement, illhealth and many misfortunes. A child born on this day will be irritable and hasty, have many troubles and trials, but will gain in the employment of others.

16. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅, ☌ ♆, ☌ ♀ & ☿. A year of terrible trials and adversities; illhealth, bereavement, and a general break up of existing conditions. A child born on this day will have no success in life, will have a terrible struggle against an adverse fate, and come to an unfortunate condition at the end of life.

17. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☌ ♃, par ♀, ☿ & ♆. A generally favourable year, new responsibilities, gain in employment, some beneficial changes, but increase of expenses. A child born on this day will be clever and artistic; may have some musical abilities, and obtain honour and credit, but will tend to be very extravagant.

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18. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♒, △ ☉. ☉ P ♂. Not a very good anniversary—gain in employment, but danger of illhealth, accidents and disputes with others. A child born on this day will have good abilities, but will be oversharp and bitter in speech; be apt to get into conflict with others and suffer loss and discredit.

19. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♓, □ ♆, ♂ ♀ & ☿. An unfavourable birthday, many little worries, troubles, and drawbacks; the health will require attention. A child born on this day will have a chequered and troublesome career, many ups and downs and should always act discreetly with others.

20. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, ♂ ♀ & ☿, ✶ ♅. A very promising year, beneficial changes, improvement of position, new work and enterprises, and success in dealing with the other sex. A child born on this day will be mediumistic and impresssionable, and should gain great credit in the psychic and occult world. Some inventive genius is shown.

21. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♈, □ ☉, ♂ ♄. An evil year, danger of illhealth, bereavement, and reversal of position. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life to make both ends meet, should always remain in an inferior position, and never court responsibility or popularity.

22. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♈, □ ♆, ♂ ♀ & ☿, △ ♃. An evil year, danger of disputes, litigation. illhealth and accidents; gain through friends and superiors. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, should beware of the treachery and enmity of the opposite sex, but will gain through friends and helpers.

23. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ☉. A good year for new work and undertakings, promotion and improvement of conditions but trouble through the opposite sex is foreshadowed. A child born on this day will be popular and esteemed, will gain through employers; but is apt to suffer disgrace through the opposite sex.

24. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♆, ☿ & ♀, △ ♅, □ ♃. A good year, many changes and benefits, gain through business and employment, but some financial losses and increase of expenses. A child born on this day will be artistic, clever, and musical, will gain success in psychic matters, but will be extravagant.

25. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♂, par ♃. A favourable year with promotion, financial gain, benefits in employment, but some minor worries and troubles. A child born on this day will be energetic, enterprising, and more than ordinarily successful in life.

26. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♄, ✶ ♃. A successful year, new responsibilities, gain in employment, financial and social benefits. A child born on this day will have a successful career, will rise in life to an important position, and be generally successful and esteemed.

27. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♊, par ♂. An unimportant year, some danger of disputes and litigation. A child born on this day will have a quiet and uneventful career, but be inclined to be rash and adventurous.

28. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋, ♂ ☉, □ ♄. An evil year, serious troubles, illhealth and bereavement. A child born on this day will have many troubles and disasters to face; will suffer much affliction and many disappointments and have a disastrous end.

29. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, ♂ ♆, ♀ & ☿, ☌ ♅. A changeable year, some beneficial changes, but affairs much involved and disturbed. It behoves those whose birthday it is to act very discreetly during the year. A child born on this day will have a remarkable career, many ups and downs, much treachery and opposition to contend with, but will probably come out successful in the long ru i.

30. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♋, ♂ ♂. A troublesome year, many troubles and changes, dangers of disputes, losses and litigation. A child born on this day will be rash, adventurous, very abrupt and erratic, and constantly in trouble and litigation.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

IX.—Popular Objections against the Science.

HAVING now dealt with the history of Astrology, right back from the earliest days, through the middle ages, up to the present century, we will now turn our attention to a much-neglected part of the science—that of dealing with some of the popular objections which have been, and still are, made against some of the fundamental principles of the science.

The chief objection made against astrology is that the precession of the Equinoxes has overthrown the very foundation of the science. It is contended that because the sign Aries has now retrogressed to where the stars forming the sign Pisces are placed, and that the same influences are still attributed to the sign now as in the old days when it occupied the place where the Aries stars were, that this fact makes the whole science wrong.

The answer has been given that this objection arises from an erroneous impression of what Ptolemy really wrote upon this matter. His words are—"The beginning of the whole Zodiacal circle—which in its nature as a circle can have no other beginning, nor end, capable of being determined—is, therefore, to be assumed to be the sign of Aries, which commences at the vernal Equinox." He also states, "The beginnings of the signs, and likewise those of the terms, are to be taken from the tropical and equinoctial points. This rule is not only clearly stated by writers on the subject, but is also specially evident by the demonstration constantly afforded, that their natures, influences, and familiarities have no other origin than from the tropics and equinoxes, as has already been plainly shown. And if other beginnings were allowed, it would either be necessary to exclude the natures of the signs from the theory of prognostication, or impossible to avoid error in their retaining and making use of them; as the regularity of their spaces and distances, upon which their influence depends, would then be invaded and broken in upon."

According to Ptolemy, the signs are distinct from the constellations, the former depending for their existence on their distance, declination, etc., from "the tropics and equinoxes." But this explanation, however, only deals with one side of the objection, and does not, to my mind, touch on the real point, namely, that there are two Zodiacs—a celestial one and a terrestrial one; one which is the path of the Sun in its great revolution round the Central Sphere, and the other the path of the Earth round the Sun. The Zodiac which affects us, and which is used in astrology is the Earth's Zodiac, commencing from the point where the Earth in its revolution crosses the plane of its equator from South to North. This point is the first point of Aries, and the commencement of the Zodiacal circle, and each of the twelve signs occupy an equal space in such circle. Now the twelve constellations have nothing to do with the Zodiac as we understand it in astrology, and the supposed idea that the influence of the stars forming Aries make the influence of the sign Aries is an entirely erroneous notion. Each division of the Zodiacal circle has a specific influence of its own quite apart from the stars, and has no connection whatever with the constellations. Indeed, how can it be otherwise? The date when the first point of Aries was identical with the constellation of the same name is a comparatively recent one, and shows that when astrology first became known it was utterly impossible for the two points to have coincided—a clear proof that the Zodiac of the constellations was never used in astrology. We read on the authority of Mihira, that the summer Solstice at one time was in the middle of Aslesha, in other words, that the first point of the sign Cancer which the Sun enters at the summer Solstice was in the middle of the asterism of Aslesha, 13° 20′ of the sign Leo. This date was recorded as B.C. 2600.

Thus is it proved, and the objection overcome, that astrology as it concerns this earth has to do with the Earth's Zodiac, the division of the Earth's annual revolution into twelve equal parts, and has no connection with the other or greater eircle, the solar Zodiac of the constellations.

In the next issue we propose to deal with the subject of twins, and the objections which have been made against the science on account of the dissimilarity of the lives of twins, because both are born within a few moments of one another.

The Future Prosperity of Ireland.

If the price of coal is to become prohibitive, we shall be glad to know more of the new fuel that the American Consul at Leipsic has made the subject of a special report. This new fuel, we learn from the New York *Tribune*, is nothing more than peat so treated that it promises to be as useful as coal for commercial purposes. The objection to peat in the crude form in which it is used by the Irish peasants, is that it is bulky and gives off great quantities of smoke. By a new process, which apparently is reasonably inexpensive, 90 per cent. of the water in the peat can be extracted, and there is left a compact body, not unlike anthracite coal in hardness and general consistency. According to the American Consul it has many advantages over coal, for it not only possesses great heat-generating power, but in burning gives off no pernicious fumes, leaves no ashes, and is smokeless. The *Tribune* states that various valuable bye-products are developed in the process of manufacture. We recommend a perusal of this subject to those who are interested in the encouragement of Irish industries. For railways, for steamboats, and above all for our city factories, the promise of a fuel that is cheap and easily handled and gives off no smoke, is too attractive to be disregarded.

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Medical Astrology.

ASTROLOGY and planetary influence was in early times the very foundation upon which all cures were attempted, and we are certain that cures in those days were the rule not the exception as in the present day. In an earlier number we touched on the life and work of Nicholas Culpeper, who gives in his Herbal all the astrological governments and virtues of the various herbs, also their planetary rulings—we follow this up by giving a table to our readers of the months in which healing herbs should be gathered for all medicinal and occult purposes.

JANUARY.—Groundsel, chickweed, archangel, and others which are in flower.

FEBRUARY.—Foalfoot, lingwort, pilewort, speedwell, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and broom.

MARCH.—Coltsfoot, fumitory, pilewort, ladyfrock, lesser celandine, violet and comfrey roots, and all kinds of bark used by herbalists.

APRIL.—Ground ivy, dandelions, avens, buttercups, and others in flower, as well as all kinds of bark.

MAY.—Celandine, milkwort, moonwort, woodsorrel, and adder's tongue.

JUNE.—Avens, brooklime, centaury, comfrey, woodbine, valerian, pim ernell, speedwell, and elecampane. End of the month cut and preserve kitchen herbs.

JULY.—Lavender, tansey, vervain, bed straw, agrimony, cinquefoil, mountain flax, fox glove, and meadow sweet. Gather medicinal flowers and sweet herbs when in bloom, dressing them first in the Sun and then in the shade for Winter use.

AUGUST.—All mints and sage, golden rod, pond weed, yellow gentian, tansey mugwort, and loosestrife.

SEPTEMBER.—Dandelion root, angelica, field gentian, valerian, feverfew, southern wood, briony, and wild berries.

OCTOBER.—Ivy, yarrow, wall rue, shepherd's purse, broom, rape, wall cress, wild berries, and all tree seeds that are ripe.

NOVEMBER.—Not many herbs to be gathered this month for medicinal uses, except rose, moss, rock fern, and polypody.

DECEMBER.—Rose, moss, rock fern, polypody, evergreens, and mistletoe.

In gathering herbs note what place they thrive best in, and gather them from thence; for instance, wood betony delights in the shade and is far better than that which grows in the Sun; so also in water plants, some grow in damp places, but those are best which grow in the water. The leaves of herbs are not so good when they are in flower as before; dry herbs in the Sun, not in the shade, and they keep much better; as an example hay and clover, which is always dried if possible in the Sun's beams. Put them up in brown paper bags, and keep them in a dry place. Herbs growing upon dry grounds keep better than those which grow in moist places. When herbs have lost their colour or scent, they are useless as a remedy for disease. Herbs are best made into decoctions, that is, take about a handful of the herbs to a pint of water, and simmer slowly for about half an hour; strain and use when cool enough; add sugar when required. Dose, half to a whole wine-glass full. For syrups, boil as for decoctions, strain, add sugar, and boil dowh until it arrives at a syrupy consistency; when cool, bottle for use. For poultices, only use sufficient water to cover the herbs, boil or simmer half an hour, strain, pour the liquor over stale bread, after which, when cool enough, place the bread in a thin piece of muslin, and apply it to the wound moist enough, when ease will be obtained. Decoctions are most suitable for ailments of the stomach, bowels, and lower parts of the body. Pills or powders are best for any pains, gripes, or obstructions in the head or face. Syrups, Balsams, and Extracts for the lungs, throat, heart or liver.

Food to Suit Everybody.

Celery for those suffering from any form of rheumatism, diseases of the nerves, and nervous dyspepsia.

Lettuce for those suffering from insomnia.

Watercress is a remedy for scurvy.

Peanuts for indigestion. Peanuts are made into a nutritious soup, are browned and used as coffee, eaten as a relish, simply baked.

Onions are almost the best nervine known. No medicine is so useful in cases of nervous prostration, and there is nothing else that will so quickly relieve and tone up a worn-out system. Onions are useful in all cases of coughs, colds, and influenza. Eaten every other day they soon have a clearing and whitening effect on the complexion.

Carrots for sufferers from asthma.

Eggs contain a large amount of nutriment in a compact, quickly available form. Eggs, especially the yolks, are useful in jaundice. Beaten up raw with sugar, they are used to clear and strengthen the voice. With sugar and lemon juice the beaten white of eggs is used to relieve hoarseness.

Tomatoes are a powerful aperient for the liver, a remedy for indigestion.

Milk is the only food an infant should have for the first six months of its life; it contains all that is required to build up the tissues and sustain the heat of the body.

During meals people should be kept free from worry and business. Intemperance in eating is as bad as intemperance in drinking. There are foods as nutritious as meat, and cheaper. Oatmeal is a splendid food for breakfast, and will keep the body in a good state of health.

Fresh, ripe fruits are excellent for purifying the

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blood and toning up the system. As specific remedies oranges are aperient.

Sour oranges are highly recommended for rheumatism.

Lemons for feverish thirst in sickness, biliousness, lower fevers, rheumatism, colds, coughs, liver complaint, etc.

Apples are useful in nervous dyspepsia; they are nutritious, medicinal, and vitalising; they aid digestion, clear the voice, correct the acidity of the stomach, are valuable in rheumatism, insomnia, and liver troubles.

Grapes dilute thick blood, send the circulation to the surface, remove obstructions from liver and lungs, and bring the stomach to a healthy condition.

Asparagus induces perspiration.

Figs, raspberries, strawberries, currants, and cherries are all cooling and purifying to the system, nutritious at the same time.

Peaches are also most hygienic to the human system, as well as being one of the most exquisite fruits in nature, but they should not be eaten over ripe. They may be eaten at or between meals.

Spinach and the common dandelion have a direct effect on diseases of the kidneys.

Garlic and olives promote digestion by stimulating the circulatory system with a consequent increase of the saliva and gastric juice. Raw onions are also regarded as a remedy for sleeplessness, and the French believe that onion soup is excellent for feeble digestion.

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Deceived by shows and forms,
Whate'er we think, whate'er we see,
All human kind are worms.

"Man is a very worm by birth,
Vile reptile, weak, and vain;
Awhile he crawls upon the earth,
Then shrinks to earth again.

"That woman is a worm we find
E'er since our grandame's evil;
She first convers'd with her own kind,
That ancient worm, the Devil.

"The learn'd themselves we bookworms name
The blockhead is a slow worm,
The nymph whose tail is all on flame,
Is aptly termed a glow-worm.

"The fops are painted butterflies,
That flutter for a day;
First from a worm they take their rise,
And in a worm decay.

"The flatterer an earwig grows.
Thus worms suit all conditions:
Misers are muckworms, silkworms beaus,
And death-watches physicians.

"That statesmen have the worm is seen
By all their winding play;
Their conscience is a worm within
That gnaws them night and day.

"Ah, Moore! thy skill were well employ'd,
And greater gain would rise,
If thou could'st make the courtier void
The worm that never dies.

"O learned friend of Abchurch-lane,
Who sett'st our entrails free!
Vain is thy art, thy powder vain,
Since worms shall eat e'en thee.

"Our fate thou only canst adjourn
Some few short years, no more!
E'en Button's wits to worms shall turn,
Who maggots were before."

He also published the following work now excessively rare, five copies only being known to exist, four in the British Museum and one in a private library. "Arcana Mooreana, or a Succinct and Lucid Discourse of the Original Essence, Situation, Symptoms, Causes, and Cure of the Cholick in all its Various Denominations, Different Kinds, Degrees, and Complications. Done by Mr. Moore, Apothecary, at the Pestle and Mortar in Abchurch Lane, near Lombard Street. London: Printed for the Author, 1713." Also: "An Account of Some Medicines prepared by Mr. Moore, Apothecary, at the Pestle and Mortar in Lawrence Pountney's Lane, the First Great Gates on the Left Hand from Cannon Street, who Formerly Lived at the Pestle and Mortar in Abchurch Lane, London. With a Faithful Narrative of Some Cures Effected by Them." A 1735 copy is in the British Museum, and bears the signature "David Jones."

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1	7 ♋ 53	An evil day for all purposes; do nothing important.
2	20 2	Avoid pleasure and the opposite sex on this day.
3	2 ♌ 0	A doubtful day for all purposes; keep very quiet.
4	13 52	Deal with superiors in the morning, attend to social matters in evening.
5	25 42	Attend only to ordinary matters and keep quiet.
6	7 ♍ 35	After midday, attend to business, entertain in evening.
7	19 35	In morning keep quiet; avoid travelling and disputes.
8	1 ♎ 46	An unimportant day, neither good nor evil.
9	14 14	Evil up to 6 p.m.; deal with superiors and ask favours after.
10	27 2	Avoid females and keep quiet on this day.
11	10 ♏ 11	Unfavourable up to 3 p.m.; then make new plans, etc.
12	23 45	Deal with women in the morning, evil after that time.
13	7 ♐ 40	In afternoon deal with elderly men, financial and business affairs, etc.
14	21 55	Evil up to 7.30 p.m.; after that attend to correspondence.
15	6 ♑ 26	A most unfortunate day for all purposes.
16	21 5	A day of disaster; avoid travelling; do nothing important.
17	5 ♒ 47	Attend to business, and deal with elderly people before 7 p.m.
18	20 25	Business and financial affairs before 2 p.m.; ask favours after 8 p.m.
19	4 ♓ 55	An evil day for all matters; keep quiet.
20	19 12	An excellent day generally for almost anything.
21	3 ♈ 14	An evil day; avoid travelling and safeguard the health.
22	17 0	A disastrous day; evil for everything. Postpone all important matters.
23	0 ♉ 29	Ask favours and deal with superiors; females should act with discretion.
24	13 42	Keep quiet in the morning; travel, correspond, deal with women after.
25	26 40	Unfavourable until evening; social and financial affairs after 8 p.m.
26	9 ♊ 24	Do nothing before 10.30 a.m.; after that attend to important matters.
27	21 55	A doubtful day for all things; keep quiet.
28	4 ♋ 14	Attend to ordinary affairs; do nothing important.
29	16 23	Keep quiet in the morning; deal with women and ask favours after.
30	28 24	An unfavourable day for all purposes.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

A Stirring Quarter.

The Sun enters Cancer on the 21st at nineteen minutes past eight in the evening, when the sign Capricorn will rise, Uranus therein ; the Moon will be conjoined with Saturn in the third house, and the Sun, attended by Mercury, Venus, Mars and Neptune, all in conjunction, will be in the seventh house. Jupiter will be on the cusp of the eighth house. As no less than eight planets occupy cardinal signs, the quarter will be one of stirring events in all parts of the world. Uranus rising, signifies strikes and disturbances, rioting and unruliness, still the exchequer returns will tend to improve, and receipts from the death duties will be above the average. The conjunction of the Moon with Saturn in the third, points to disasters on railways and in travelling, depreciation of railway stock, dissatisfaction among employees, and grave danger of a railway strike. There will be a good deal of vice and immorality in the land, and the public health will be far from good, chest affections being very prevalent. Accidents on warships will occur.

War Feeling.

The position of the Sun in the seventh attended by Mercury, Venus, Mars and Neptune, all conjoined, is ominous of disputes with other powers, mobilisation of the fleet and grave danger of war. Chinese and South African affairs will now assume prominence, and an awkward situation will have to be faced by the Government. It will require more than ordinary diplomacy to steer the country clear of being involved in European complications. York, Manchester, Scotland and Holland will feel the effects of this conjunction of planets, and fires will be frequent, and probably also floodstorms. Colonial affairs will be disturbed, disputes being feared, while the Government will have much to contend with, and in the Commons there will be angry debates, much disputation and wrangling. Hospitals and institutions will benefit, and legacies will be left for their maintenance.

United States.

At Washington, Scorpio rises and Jupiter culminates, which is favourable for the

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president, denoting popularity and success. The ingress takes place close to the ninth house, and the planets conjoined in Cancer therein will produce losses in shipping, storms and disastrous railway accidents. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the sixth house, denotes much illhealth, increase of insanity, and cerebral affections. At San Francisco, the ingress with the conjoined planets in Cancer, falls in the tenth house, denoting disgrace to men of high position, danger of fires and incendiarism, and of rioting in the city. Divorces will be numerous.

Japan.

At Tokio, the sign Cancer will be rising and the four planets will be conjoined on the ascendant. This will bring much trouble to the people, many accidents, illness, floods and earthquakes. A tidal wave is to be feared. Jupiter in the second is favourable for the revenue. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the tenth house, points to the death or disgrace of some prominent personage.

Europe.

At Berlin, Mars will be close to the western horizon, making a danger of disputes with other powers and the feeling of war very great. At Petersburg and Constantinople, Mars will be in the sixth, denoting an outbreak of infectious disease, while a financial crisis is threatened in both countries.

Special.

Floods, earthquakes, and violent storms are threatened between Long. 71 and 78 E., and in the opposite point, 102 and 109 W. we shall hear of tornadoes and hurricanes, and similar disturbances. In the Azores, the Moon and Saturn will be on the lower meridian, an augury of seismic disturbances in these islands.

The New Moon.

The New Moon of the 28th June is an annular eclipse of the Sun. The line of central eclipse falls across Mexico and Florida. In London the lunation falls in the eighth house denoting the death of great people, and as four planets are almost conjoined in the same house, there will be a heavy death rate by drowning, suicide and poison. Uranus in the second is bad for the revenue in the way of losses by fraud and forgery. Trade will also be bad. Treachery and double dealing is shown with foreign powers, and danger of the breach of a treaty may be expected. Colonial and shipping affairs will prosper. The affliction of Mercury, ruler of the midheaven, shows trouble to the King and Government, disputes and changes in the cabinet, and death of members. Indian, Chinese and South African affairs will suffer. Canada will experience misfortunes, for the eclipse falls in the midheaven, in square to Saturn in the seventh. Disputes with other countries are to be feared, disgrace of men in high positions, as well as death of leading statesmen. The Dominion will now experience some disasters and its prosperity will decline.

Serious floods or tidal waves will be experienced in China, for the conjoined planets in Cancer are in the fourth house. At the Cape Saturn will be in the fourth house, in square to the luminaries, an evil augury for the landed interest, and denoting much poverty and depression. As the conjoined planets in Cancer are setting, an awkward question will crop up. Sedition will flourish greatly.

The Stock Exchange.

CONSOLS AND TRUSTEE SECURITIES will be dormant, as a feeling of universal optimism will cause investors to look for higher interest.

FOREIGN BONDS.—A new loan will cause a fall in Russians, but all the South American stocks will rise, notably Mexican and Argentine.

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are pulled. Pennsylvanias and New York Centrals are good for another 5 point rise.

HOME RAILS.—These will have a spurt during the holidays only to fall heavily later.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR JULY, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	6th	...	8h. 25m. aft.
Full Moon,	13th	...	9h. 48m. aft.
Last Quarter,	20th	...	0h. 2m. aft.
New Moon	28th	...	7h. 17m. morn.

Planetary Positions.

MERCURY is in Cancer all the month, in ♂ with ☿ on the 15th; a morning star in the latter half of the month.

VENUS is also in Cancer all the month, a morning star in the latter half of the month.

MARS is in Cancer, enters Leo on the 8th, not well placed for observation.

JUPITER is in Leo all the month; visible in the north west just after sunset.

SATURN is a morning star in Aries, rises in the east shortly before midnight.

URANUS is well placed for observation this month being in ☌ ☉ on the 7th.

NEPTUNE is in Cancer, too near the Sun for observation.

The SUN enters Leo on the 23rd at 7.14 in the morning. For the Moon's position see "Daily Guide."

The Weather.

The month opens with cooler weather—rain and wind. From the 2nd to the 8th very changeable, windy, stormy and unsettled. A period of summer weather will then be experienced, changeable with rain about 20th; then finer and warmer to the end. Thunder storms about 24th.

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The Likeness of Christ.

(See Last Month's Talisman.)

IN a recent number, the Talisman for "Peace and Love" which is so apparently a portrait of Christ, has drawn much attention, and the following interesting clue found by a French Abbé may be found instructive.

An eminent Egyptologist, the Abbé Gaffre, while exploring a village in Upper Egypt, came across an ancient parchment which may throw light on an interesting event which, according to tradition, occurred in early Church history.

In the writings of Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea, who died in 349, it is stated that Christ sent a portrait of Himself to Abgar, King of Edessa. The Abbé Gaffre states that the parchment which he discovered recounts in detail the sending of the Disciple Thaddeus with the portrait of Christ. It has apparently been cut up into strips and used as talismans by various owners, the whole having been recovered and put together in the fifteenth century by Alexander Philip, an Oriental scholar of Alexandria.

The Rev. George Margoliouth, of the Oriental Department of the British Museum, was asked his opinion as to the authenticity of the discovery by a representative of *The Observer*, and stated that the tradition was one which had frequently cropped up in the past. There was, he said, a good deal of literature on the subject of a correspondence which was given out as having taken place between Christ and King Abgar, but most scholars now regarded the correspondence as apocryphal.

With regard to the various representations of Christ, Mr. Margoliouth said it was difficult to fix on any one particular type, as there would be many types of Jews. Christ, however, would wear long hair and a beard in conformity with the usual observance, which He could not offend without becoming a Hellenist. The impression conveyed by His countenance would, he imagined, greatly depend upon whether the beholder understood Him. If he did he would see great spiritual beauty, for Christ's strength of character and indomitable will, together with His immense tenderness of feeling, made up a type which could not be matched.

It may be of interest to note that in the Print Room of the British Museum is the volume containing the original sketches made by Thomas Heaphy, who devoted many years to investigating the origins of the traditional likenesses of Christ, and after much difficulty obtained access to the Catacombs, the reserved rooms of the Vatican and various reliquaries, in which he made exact copies of all the representations of Christ. Among these is the portrait above alluded to as having been sent to King Abgar. It presents Our Lord full face, with beard and long hair, and on the page is a note by the artist to the effect that according to the legend it was executed at the time of Christ, who "sat for it for King Agbarrus" (sic).

In the same interesting volume is a portrait of Christ imputed to St. Peter, when visiting at the house of Pudens, a senator of Rome. One of the most striking portraits in Thomas Heaphy's collection is that known as St. Veronica's handkerchief, preserved in the sacristy of St. Peter's at Rome. It shows a face of deathly pallor and with the eyes closed. According to the legend, Our Lord fainted during the procession to Calvary, and St. Veronica handed Him a handkerchief with which to wipe His face. The Divine image then became miraculously impressed on the handkerchief, which has been carefully guarded as a sacred relic ever since.

The origin of these portraits on cloth, however, has been explained as follows: It was the custom of the early Christians to wear some symbol of the Saviour on their breast, and it was usually printed on the inside of the garment. At the earliest Christian burials a cloth containing a portrait of Christ was placed on the face of the dead, and when Christianity became a general religion a large trade arose in pseudo-Christian relics. These cloths were taken from the graves and sold as true portraits of Our Lord, and generally with the Veronica legend attached to them.—*The Observer.*

The Wonderful Power of the Tide.

HAS IT ever struck our readers that if the Thames at very low tide was filled with shipping packed ever so closely on the tidal stream, the rising tide would lift the whole, even if millions of millions of tons?

It was recently stated in one of the Continental technical papers that a considerable sum of money —about £150,000—has been guaranteed by some well-known financiers for a scheme for harnessing the power of the tides. It has always been a favourite project. The great success which has been gained by those who have used the natural energy of waterfalls has directed attention to other forms of unused but possible sources of power. And the most obvious of these, because of its similarity with the waterfall schemes, is that in which the motion of the tides is used to propel.

Tidal storage has often been suggested as a source of hydraulic power. Tide mills are still to be found along the American coast. But there are the two great weaknesses of the system which, until now, the ingenuity of man has never successfully combated. They are, firstly the small rise and fall of the tides in most places. It is true that in the Bay of Fundy the rise is 40ft., but that is altogether abnormal, and the conditions for storage of water at that place are not peculiarly favourable. Then, again, the periodic nature of the flow makes it imperative to have very large reservoirs. If we imagine that something of the nature of water-wheels are rotated, it is clear that, in order that they may be kept running, there must be a great store of water available.

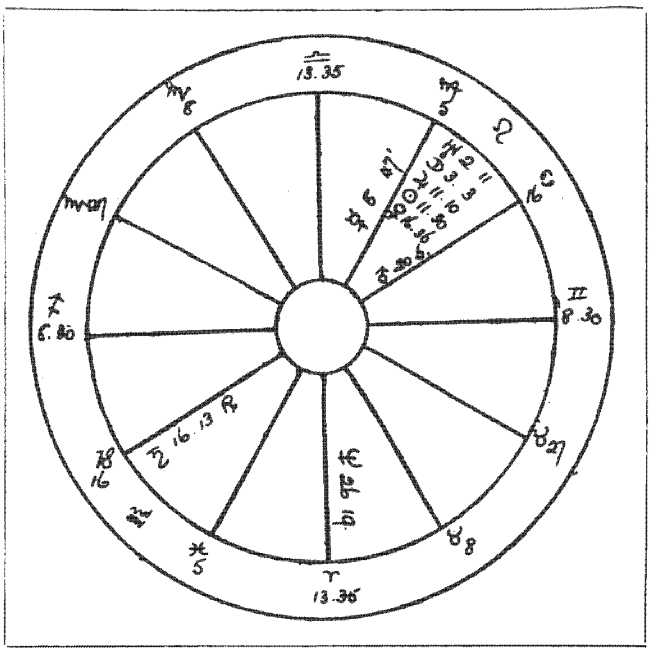
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

X.—The King of Norway.

PRINCE CARL of Denmark (now the King of Norway) was born at 4 p.m. on 3rd August, 1872, at Copenhagen, when the first decanate of Sagittarius was rising, and the planets were placed as in the map appended below.

The King has a frank and jovial nature, a kind, generous and sympathetic disposition, one who has the interests of others at heart, and takes a delight in looking after his subjects' interests.



He possesses a powerful individuality, generous, earnest, sincere, honorable, with sympathy and kindliness of heart. His personality is of the same Leonine nature, candid, frank, sincere and honorable, and the Moon in this sign will make him fond of responsibility and lift him up in life. He has a broad and comprehensive mind, a good memory, fondness for science, literature and art, and able to turn such knowledge to good account for the benefit of others. It has been stated that he has studied astrology, and this is easily understood, looking at the position of Mercury in the ninth house, and the close conjunction of the Moon and Uranus.

The horoscope is a strong one, for the Sun is conjoined with both Venus and Jupiter, and the Moon makes her application to the latter planet, while both the midheaven and ascendant are well configurated with benefic planets, denoting a happy and prosperous life and successful reign. We will now look at some of the chief events in the King's life. He was married to Princess Maud of Wales on July 22nd, 1896, under the direction of M.C. sextile Mercury, ruler of the seventh house, and Asc. par Moon. He became King of Norway on November 18th, 1905, under a train of most remarkable directions. Sun trine Saturn, M.C. trine Saturn, Asc. trine Mars, par Sun, Venus and Jupiter, but as Mars was close to the Sun's place at birth, and the Moon coming to the square of Mars, he lost his father, the King of Denmark, two months later. The influences for the near future are very favourable and promise popularity, advancement and prosperity for this country and people. The Sun's trine to Saturn is still operating, and the solar orb will soon reach the sextile of Mars, while Venus will be for the sextile of the Moon, ascendant, Sun and midheaven in succession, these influences extending over a period of twelve years.

There is an interesting point in this horoscope to which I wish to draw the attention of both students and experts of astrology. It is in regard to marriage. My readers should

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compare this horoscope with that of the Queen of Norway given on another page. In the King's horoscope there is no planet in the seventh house, and the Moon applies to Jupiter, yet he marries a mercurial Princess. Here we have, as in numerous cases, the ruler of the seventh house showing the partner. Mercury ruling the seventh house placed in the ninth, shows a partner from a foreign land, and the King of Norway married an English Princess. In the Queen of Norway's horoscope, the Sun makes no application, but here again we have Jupiter, ruler of the seventh house, in the ninth, showing the husband, and also denoting one rom a foreign land.

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2	22	8	A quiet day. Attend to ordinary duties.
3	3	♍ 58	An unfavourable day. Have no dealings with the other sex.
4	15	51	Favourable day for travel, etc.; attend to bnsiness in the evening.
5	27	50	Deal with affairs requiring energy and skill before 3 p.m.
6	10	♎ 0	An evil day for all purposes. Do nothing important.
7	22	25	Another evil day. Attend to affairs with circumspection.
8	5	♏ 9	Attend to business and correspondence in the evening.
9	18	17	Deal with superiors and ask favours between 9 and 12 a.m.
10	1	♐ 50	Deal with surgeons, military people about noon; social matters after.
11	15	49	A doubtful day; attend to important matters about noon.
12	0	♑ 13	An unfavourable day for all purposes.
13	14	57	An evil day for all purposes; act warily and with circumspection.
14	29	56	A doubtful day; act cautiously and keep quiet.
15	15	♒ 0	Attend to business and correspondence after 4.
16	0	♓ 2	A doubtful day. Social matters are favourable in the evening.
17	14	52	Deal with strangers, travel and remove in the morning.
18	29	24	A quiet day. Do nothing of any importance.
19	13	♈ 33	An evil day up to 6 p.m.; attend to social duties after.
20	27	19	Avoid superiors and act very discreetly.
21	10	♉ 42	Avoid travel early morning; deal with strangers in the evening.
22	23	43	Attend to social duties and important matters from 3 to 5 p.m.
23	6	♊ 26	Keep quiet up to 3 p.m.; after that hour attend to urgent matters.
24	18	54	Good for social matters in the afternoon.
25	1	♋ 9	Evil up till 7 p.m.; then attend parties, etc., and deal with other sex.
26	13	15	An evil day for all purposes; do nothing important.
27	25	14	Avoid all business and correspondence.
28	7	♌ 7	Act discretely in morning; deal with elderly people in afternoon.
29	18	58	A doubtful day; act cautiously; deal with superiors in the morning.
30	0	♍ 48	Evil till evening, then attend parties.
31	12	39	A favourable day.

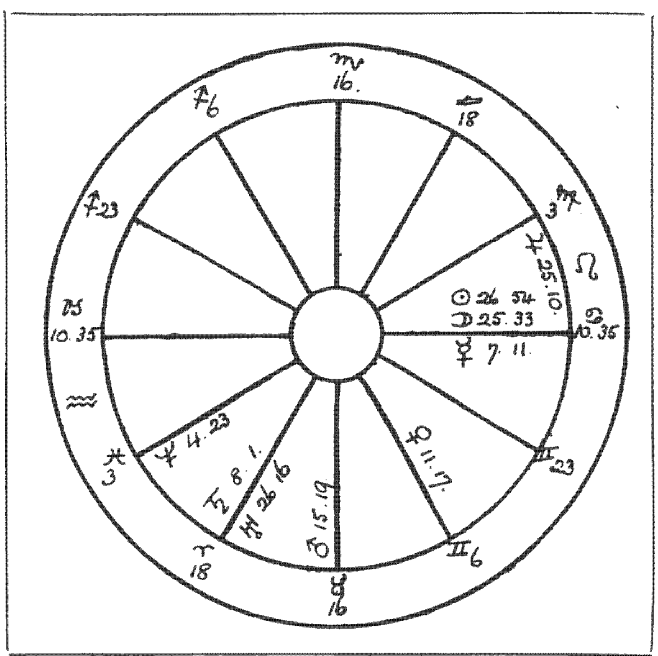
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Example Horoscopes for Students.

No. 10.—Gentleman born 7 p.m., 19th July, 1849, in Lat. 51. 17 N., Long. 1. 20. E.
Died from heart disease, 15th September, 1889.

THE case for study this month is that of a gentleman, a publican, the particulars of whose birth are given above, and is given as an illustration of directing, those at death being taken for examination. As the birth occurred in a place east of Greenwich, an addition of 5m. 20s. is made to the sidereal time in calculating the horoscope, as the time of birth is stated in Greenwich time.

Now the astrological indication of heart disease in the horoscope is the position of Mars in the cusp of the fourth house, denoting the end of life, for it must be pointed out that whatever complaint a person dies from, such complaint is shown in the horoscope and not necessarily by directions, although of course it is only natural to presume that the planet causing the disease is afflicted by direction at the time of death. Now in this case we find that the gentleman died at the age of forty years and two months, less four days, an equivalent of 40d. 3h. 44m., which added to the birth time gives August 28th, 10.44 p.m., when the following directions will be operating: Sun. P. opposition Neptune; Sun. P. parallel Uranus; Sun and Moon. R. semisquare Mars. P.; Sun. R. parallel Mars. P.



We see the evidence of the martial influence very strongly in these influences. The only lunar influences were a separating square of Saturn and a conjunction of the ascendant.

We will now look at some other points of interest in regard to the directions. The new Moon previous to death fell on the progressed Sun and in opposition to Neptune. The fortieth synodic lunation took place in Libra 20, opposition Uranus, square Sun and Moon, showing that the evil of Sun square Uranus at birth would be brought out in the age of 40. The diurnal horoscope for the day of death gave the meridian as the place of the progressed Moon, and the ascendant the place of Uranus, another indication of the evil influence of this planet. A further interesting point, on the fortieth birthday the Moon was conjoined with the place of Uranus at birth.

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The History of a Great Picture.

A LEGEND, if you please, but it has a beautiful moral which will come in very well. Andreas del Barocchio painted a picture of our Lord's Baptism, and, as usual, committed portions of detail to be finished by his pupils. To young Leonardo da Vinci he entrusted the head of an angel, and the youth executed his task with such skill that the master was enraptured with it and lavished forth his praise, declaring that he was already a master of his art. Leonardo accepted the encomium with extreme self-satisfaction, which somewhat pained the old man, who saw the signs of arrogance and self-conceit, and this idea was confirmed, when, in order to make him humble and modest, he pointed out some defects in the painting, and the young man flushed up and he turned away angry and sullen. But better feelings prevailed, and he presently came back, confessed his fault, and asked his master's forgiveness. And there and then he made a vow that he would lay that day's lesson to heart, and be humble, his own severest critic, always seeking after more perfectness.

Years passed, and he performed his vow; Andreas found him always docile, always ready for correction, until at last the day came when the old man was on his death-bed. He thanked his pupil for his obedience, and warned him against jealousy, bade him look on his art as a holy gift from God, to be always viewed in connection with his faith in the Redeemer and His self-sacrifice. He had seen from time to time da Vinci impatient under unjust criticism, and exhorted him to lay his work daily before God. And he declared with his last breath, that if Leonardo should find himself in any difficulty and he should call on his old master for assistance, if God would allow, he would give it. And so he died, and the young painter still won success, until his fame resounded through Italy, not only for painting, but for engineering and architecture. It was all this which led Ludovico Moro Sforza, Duke of Milan, a clever but ambitious and bad man, to invite him to that city. He went the more readily, because his residence at Florence was embittered by the rivalry of a youth, Michelangelo, and for a while the change seemed successful. But there was a monk, Prior of the Dominican Monastery of St. Maria della Grazia, who was the Duke's confidential and selfish adviser, who was jealous as he saw that Leonardo was daily winning favour. He saw the young painter's fastidiousness, his unwillingness to turn out unworthy work, and he recommended Ludovico to command the painter to paint his picture. "I hear," said the Duke, "that you are constantly destroying your work; of course, there will be no tearing-up or burning of me." The painter was horrified, for Ludovico was a remarkably ugly man, a fact which the monk had realised, and reckoned upon. He begged in vain for some other subject. He apostrophised the dead Andreas, but no answer came, and the painting was finished. Then the painter sat down before it and groaned in anguish of spirit. Next day he looked again, and his repugnance deepened, until in a paroxysm of despair he tore it from the easel, and trampled it to pieces. As he did so he looked up, and saw the monk watching his proceedings with triumphant malice, and his blood froze with horror as he anticipated the Duke's fury; still more grieved that the master, who had been harsh and angry with others had always been kind to him. He had added ingratitude to wilfulness. After a while he went to the Duke and confessed what the latter already knew from the prior. The Duke, touched by the obvious sincerity of his penitence, forgave him, but told him to paint another. Then Leonardo again spoke up with boldness, and entreated for some other subject, begging for something sacred. Thereupon the Duke commanded him to paint The Last Supper for the refectory of his enemy's monastery of St. Maria della Grazia. And again the painter saw a sly, malicious smile upon the monk's face, who was rejoicing that Leonardo was commissioned to put forth his best work in the monastery of the man who hated him, and who hoped that he would be ruined by adverse criticism, and the work entrusted to his rival Michelangelo Buonarotti. For a little while he nourished fierce anger; but he repressed it, and whilst trembling at the task before him, he exclaimed in enthusiasm, "I will attempt the great work, O Blessed Saviour," and with these words, with devout and calm frame of mind, he went into the chapel of the monastery, and prayed earnestly. Then he went into the refectory, whilst the monks (it was Maundy Thursday) were singing *Verbum superbum prodiens*. But what did he see? he saw on the wall on which he was to exercise his art a scene of heavenly glory—the Lord giving His last supper, all in superhuman beauty, lit up with heavenly light. "Oh Andreas! Andreas! my friend and benefactor!" he cried, and fell senseless to the ground. They found him, and raised him up; the beautiful vision was gone, but he kept it fully in memory, and began his work at once. The door of the refectory was locked to all but himself, and he began with the Apostles, reserving the Christ for the last. But before long he noticed his enemy closely watching him and spying after him. "Wait only, Iscariot!" he said softly one day, "and thou shalt have enough to satisfy thee for life!"

Maundy Thursday drew on, when the completion of his work was due. He had finished the Apostles, and painted his enemy as Judas. And suddenly he found that his power had departed from him. He could not paint the Christ. He hoped in vain that the vision would return, and finally made up his mind to fly. But just then he was told that he was a

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prisoner. It had gone abroad that he could not finish. Maundy Thursday came; the Duke and his courtiers came in full assembly, the spiteful monk among them full of expectation of triumph. There was a curtain over the picture. "Now, Master," said the Duke, "show us the picture which thou hast completed according to our commands." The painter hung down his head in deep dejection whilst the covering was withdrawn. He did not move, but only heard a cry of awful admiration, followed by solemn silence. He raised his eyes, and beheld in finished beauty, not only the twelve Apostles, as he had painted them, but the heavenly figure of the Redeemer as he had beheld it on the first day. The tears streamed from his eyes, he stretched his hands heavenward, with the cry, "Oh! Andreas, Andreas," and could speak no more. Again the reverent applause broke forth, but presently whispers rose. "Look at the Judas who betrayed his Master," was the word that went round, and they pointed to the Prior. A satiric grin mantled on the Duke's face, as he muttered, "Yes, that's he." The painter had been gratified at this recognition, but now shame covered his soul. For a while he had been filled with joy, but now he shut himself into his chamber and lay down in agony of penitence.

That night his master appeared to him in a dream, and rebuked him sternly for hating his enemy and doing evil to one that despitefully used him. "Thy heart is not yet cleansed from earthly pollution, thou has brought thy vices to mingle with the teaching of God's Spirit. The gratification of contemptible motive, of spite and revenge had more weight with thee than thy Saviour's love. Therefore, thy work shall not continue, and the chief figure of the picture shall fade away. Unskilled hands will attempt to restore it, and thy fame shall last, but not this thy work." The painter woke on Good Friday morning, and prayed with all his heart that he might strive more earnestly to learn from his Master when He was reviled, to revile not again, but commit himself to Him that judgeth righteously. He lived to a green old age, and it is said that his last years were years of deep humility and desire to help the poor and needy.

Ancient Customs.

A Heathen Sanctuary.

THIS is a tale culled from Herodotus, 600 years before the birth of Christ. Corcyra, a petty king, slew the son of the King of Corinth, and by way of retaliation the heartbroken and bereaved king seized three hundred children of the principal families of the Corcyreans and sent them to Sardis to be made slaves in the harem of an Asiatic despot—a terrible fate for the delicately nurtured maidens.

The Corinthians who had charge of them on the journey were compelled by stress of weather to anchor in the bay of Samos. This harbour was in shape a crescent, and the Samians were worshippers of Diana, the queen of heaven. The bottom of the Corinthian galley had become much encrusted with little shellfish, and Pliny supplements the story by relating how the crew disembarked and turned their vessel over to scrape it clean. The sight of the poor suffering captives under hatches excited their compassion, and they privately instructed them to take refuge in the temple of Diana, which overlooked the bay. The children at once fled like hunted hares, and gained the sanctuary, which the Samians would not suffer their captors to violate. The latter could only keep watch round the temple to prevent the little prisoners from receiving any food. It looked like the alternative between slavery and starvation. The prayers and tears of the suppliants touched the Samians more and more, and they instituted there and then a new festival, which they continued to keep year by year after this original cause was at an end. Each evening a company of their own boys and girls entered the temple with song and rhythmic dance, bearing cakes made of honey and flour. And thus, night after night, the prisoners were fed, until the Corinthians, hopeless of executing their cruel task, returned home, and when it was safe the kind Samians sent the children home also, and the Samian cakes naturally became famous among the peoples. When the religion of the gospel was victorious over heathenism, the pagan observance just at this time of year was displaced for the time-honoured indulgence on Good Friday evening after the fast, and a true and sacred significance was given the old cross. This is another proof that nearly all Christian ceremonies had their foundation in Pagan rites, and it is just the evolution theory that shows itself in this as in all other movements.

Borrowing from the Heathen.

The custom of eating hot-cross buns on Good Friday is an interesting case of turning the heathen into Christian usage. They were originally cakes made in honour of Diana. The festival of the Queen of Night was kept immediately after the Vernal equinox, when the dewy twilight of the early spring was prolonged and softened by the silvery light of the hunter's moon. This worship of the moon found a place in every ancient idolatry, Egyptian, Phœnician, Carthaginian, Greek, Roman. "Ashtaroth," "Astarte," "Diana," "Artemis," one and the same, was beloved by the hunter and the fugitive. It is likely enough that the Phœnicians brought the cultus to our island, in their expeditions for amber and tin. It has been shown how, down in Cornwall, the causing children to rush through the fire was observed long after the Phœnician trade in that part had ceased. The country folk went on doing it without knowing its idolatrous signification connected with Baal worship. In the borders of Herts and Cambridgeshire, where the old roads of Icknield-street and Irmin-street crossed each other, was a special altar to "Diana of the Crossways," and a writer in *Notes and Queries* says that the hot-cross buns in that district are as eagerly looked for as pudding on Christmas Day. Even in heathen days they were crossed, to indicate the four quarters of the moon.

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The Phenomena of Suicide.

DOUBLE suicide or death in sympathy has been much in evidence lately, and has puzzled thinking people a great deal; but there is much in planetary influence that will account for it, the student in astrology can always read between the lines in these cases, and where the birth dates can be reliably obtained, work out for himself the apparent reason or cause of such deliberately planned self-destruction. We append just a few of the recent cases taken from the daily newspapers.

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Two mysterious tragedies have lately occurred in the Clyde, a couple of men throwing themselves into the river and refusing to be saved.

The first tragedy took place on a Saturday night at about ten o'clock, when a man was seen struggling in the Clyde near the Custom House Quay, at Glasgow. A lifebuoy was thrown to him, but he refused to take hold, and disappeared below the water.

At about midnight another man was seen to divest himself of his clothing on one of the Glasgow bridges near the same spot, and to dive into the Clyde. A passer-by threw a life-line, but he also refused to catch hold, and was drowned.

Neither has been identified. The second man was about twenty years old, and the other rather older.

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The tragedy of the twin brothers Galhovics, who committed suicide together at Buda-Pesth in consequence of inability to pay gambling debts, adds one more to the curious list of instances of "sympathy" between twins. It is by no means uncommon for the two to have similar illnesses at the same time; and even in so common and trivial an ailment as toothache there is sometimes a tendency for the same teeth to ache together. The coincidence in association of ideas are sometimes very striking. There is a case on record of a twin, who, while on a visit to Scotland, bought a set of champagne glasses as a present for his brother at the same time when the brother, in England, was buying a similar set for *his* brother.

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In the case of a man who killed himself with a knife which had been lost, the Hackney Coroner said that weapons used by suicides formed part of the evidence, and he always retained them now. Some fifteen years ago he gave the widow of a suicide a knife with which the man had ended his life, and which she said she valued. The result was that she took her own life with it. On another occasion he gave a widow a fancy glass out of which her husband had drank poison. She also poisoned herself, using the same glass. All such articles were now kept to prevent imitative suicide.

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The bodies of Ethel Briggs, aged 20, a dressmaker, of North Frodingham, and Alfred Hemingway, joiner, of Hessle, were found in the river Hull, near Beverley, Yorks, clasped in each other's arms and strapped together. The couple, who had been courting, had been missing for nearly three weeks. The bodies were removed to await an inquest.

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It may not be thought out of place to draw attention to the comfort of sympathetic display among the lowly and humble factory workers. The case of "Poor Jenny" will be an illustration.

Most people are aware that the poor are very fond of funerals. It is a consolation, no doubt, after you have led an oppressed, and generally miserable, life to think that you will be interred magnificently, in full view of your less fortunate—since still living—neighbours, and that you will have an impressive display of black and nodding plumes, black horses, coaches, and funeral feasting. In fact, it may be said that in a poor person's life the pleasantest event is, often enough, his funeral.

This interest of the poor in the mortuary show is most pathetically illustrated by a story which Mr. G. R. Sims has just told. It concerns a factory girl, who was a great favourite with her friends and fellow workers. As she lay dying they all clubbed together and determined to buy a fine funeral wreath to place on poor Jenny's coffin. For there could be no doubt that Jenny had only a day or two more of life. So the wreath was bought, and very fine, indeed, it was. It was so fine, in fact, that somebody suggested that it was a pity to think that Jenny would never see it. Then somebody else suggested: "Why shouldn't Jenny see it? Let's show it to her." The next day the wreath was taken to the dying girl, and the sight of it reanimated her for a moment. "How beautiful!" she cried. "How glad I am you let me see it!" And it hung at the foot of her bed as a consolation until all was over.

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In *The Observer* of April 17th, 1808, the following appeared in the news column, which shews how the feeling of horror was used to effect cures. We should imagine that most patients in the present day would rather die than undergo the "treatment." "On Thursday morning, at an early hour, the three following criminals were executed on the platform at the top of the Surrey County Gaol, viz., G. Hooper, aged 20, a bricklayer; W. Sadler, 22, ditto; and A. Brace, 21, a labourer. After they were turned off, a woman of genteel appearance went through the superstitious ceremony of having a wen that was growing on her neck, stroked nine times by the moist hand of a dying man; and the hand of Brace was used for that purpose. If, as has been said, extreme terror in the party so acted upon will give the recipe some effect, this lady will have a good chance of relief; for we never saw horror more feelingly depicted, in real life, than in her countenance, at the sight of the dying men in their convulsive state."

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The Brotherhood of Man.

WHY does Thomas Atkins, at the wish or order of a non-fighter, gird up his loins and prepare to slay the father of a family that he never quarrelled with, or even knew; the husband of a wife, who never harmed him; a man like himself a slaying machine to order; a target to wipe out a little diplomatic mistake? Why should stupid Hans or Francois hate Thomas A., to the order of Bombastes Furioso of the long sword and little pluck, and thirst for his blood, making Mrs. A. a widow with fatherless children? How stupid, to say the least, war is, surely the time will come when bravery will not be allied with butchery, and when it will be understood that there is no braver man than the strenuous bread winner in the battle of life. Read the following and think without hurry of the sadness, of the case of brave Ivan. God had ordained it, he thought, perhaps some day we shall all know God better.

A Meeting on the Yalu.

"Thou shalt not kill," hear Buddha speak,
Protecting even vermin—
The Christ Child's "Turn the other cheek"
Shines out like gold on ermine.
Yet cannon, brand and bayonet
Foreboding awful slaughter,
Are massed 'neath rival banners, set
Along the Yalu water!
The Buddhist, pitying a fly,
His murderous shell is firing;
The Christian's altruism high
Thinks never of retiring.
Forgotten now each message sweet,
Forgotten as the Giver;
Yet, Buddha and the Christ Child meet
Upon the Yalu River!

—J. A., in the *Brooklyn Eagle.*

The Dead at Liaoyang.

He had no quarrel with any man,
He knew not what they called him for;
Yet, roll and pack upon his back,
Ivan, the peasant, went to war.
"The Little Father calls," he said,
And followed, followed as he sang,
Till on a trampled trench he lay
Among the dead at Liaoyang.

Not his the dream of land and power,
The greed of gain, the dread of loss;
He marched with orders to the field
To bear his rifle—and his cross.
God had ordained it, so he faced
The pelting hail that snarled and sang,
And gave his patient blood away
Among the dead at Liaoyang.

Among the glitter of his court
In safety sat the mystic Czar;
Safe sat the scheming Minister
Who cast a careless die for war;
They could not hear the shattered groan,
The horrid chaunt of death that rang
Where unconsulted thousands lay,
Among the dead at Liaoyang.

He had no quarrel with any man,
He had no cause to battle for;
Yet, roll and pack upon his back,
Ivan, the peasant, went to war.
A Minister had made a map
From which a deadly army sprang;
So Ivan fell, and made no sign,
Among the dead at Liaoyang.

—Wallace Irwin, in the *New York Globe.*

Simple Facts about Yourself.

A man weighing 9 stone 10 lb. consists of water 88 lb. and solid matter 66 lb. In other words, of muscle 68 lb., skeleton 24 lb., skin 10 lb., fat 25 lb., brain 3 lb., entrails, etc., 12 lb., with about 12 lb. of blood.

The liver weighs about 4 lb., and is chiefly concerned in connection with the metabolism of carbohydrates and of nitrogenous matter, and also in the production of bile, which it secretes and passes into the gall-bladder to the amount of 40 oz. daily.

In the skeleton of the human body are nearly 200 bones.

The number of pores and sweat-glands varies in different parts of the body, ranging from 400 to the square inch in the back to 2,500 in the hands and feet. Each sweat-gland is connected with the inner tissues by a tube ¼ inch long. The average of pores in the skin is 1,000 to the square inch, so that the entire body contains 2,500,000 sweat-glands having thirteen miles of connective tubing.

The stomach has a capacity of about 2 pints.

The quantity of blood in the heart and vessels of the human body is a thirteenth of the total weight of the body.

The hairs of the head number some hundred thousands. Four hairs in healthy condition will support a weight of one pound.

An egg is equivalent in nourishing material to an equal weight of meat, and a pint of milk is equal to about ½ lb. of meat.

The length of intestine in a man of average height is 25 ft., 20 ft. of which has a diameter of 1¼ inch, and the remaining 5 ft., known as the large intestine, is no less than 2¼ inches in diameter.

The skin absorbs as well as sweats. That is why, if a child cannot take cod-liver oil in the usual way, the skin is able to absorb it and pass it into the system when the body is rubbed with the oil.

The muscles of the body number 500, and vary greatly in thickness and in length. The longest muscle, situated in the thigh, is 2 ft. in length, while the shortest, in the ear, only measures ¼ inch.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

X.—The Future—(*Continued*).

IN further considering the subject of Astrology in its relation to the future, or the development of the life as it proceeds, one factor has been almost lost sight of by exponents of the science. I refer to the "Personal Equation." What I mean will be explained in due course. Another matter has also been confused and distorted by well meaning but mistaken writers. This is the words "Fate" and "Destiny."

I have heard it said, and by astrologers themselves, that we cannot fight against fate; that we are fated from the beginning, and we cannot gainsay what is laid out before us. Such an idea, believe me, is absolutely opposed to the true meaning of astrology, because there is no such thing as an absolute fate, and man is not in any way fated, but has the power to mould his own life in accordance with the amount of self-knowledge and internal power which he possesses. This is what I mean by the "Personal Equation."

In regard to fate and destiny, the most simple meaning of the two words is that destiny is what we make, by using the planetary forces to the best advantage; and fate, what the planetary forces make us through a misuse or disuse by us of their powers. I have no doubt that what I say will scarcely be accepted by everyone, but I have no belief whatever in the erroneous and superstitious ideas respecting the science. I say, and I shall continue to believe and to teach others "Each man his prison makes," that we are the makers of our own destiny and the cause of our own fate.

It is in this subject of the future that the practical uses of astrology come more forcibly before us; for, properly understood, we are shown that the planetary forces are given to us to make use of for our benefit and progress, and not for such forces to make use of us, as is generally believed.

I want the readers of the MONTHLY MESSENGER to try and understand that the common or vulgar idea of astrology is merely superstitious and degrading nonsense; that astrology is not predicting the future or telling fortunes, but something of a far more valuable nature.

In the last issue I tried to show the real meaning of the term "the future," and how it was perfectly possible for those who were forewarned of good and evil periods to turn such to their benefit. There is another side to this question, and relates to the oft-repeated and misunderstood term, "Character is destiny," and now I will try to show how the development of character can alter and modify the future life.

Let us suppose a man born with the Moon in square aspect to Mars, possessing a most violent temper. He goes through life without making any attempt to curb this vice, allows it full force at all times and occasions. At a certain period of his life this evil influence is brought strongly into action by some direction to Mars. He has a dispute, high words ensue, blows—the result, arrested for assault, or it may even be he is killed. What is the cause of it all?

The only answer to this is that the man brought it all upon himself, by want of self-control, lack of self-development, and the tendency to let the planetary forces use him, instead of he using them. Take the opposite side of the question. Suppose this man, instead of letting his temper get the better of him, had battled with it, and by perseverance and force of will power had crushed it. What would have happened when this evil period came up? It would have probably passed him by, not finding a responsive echo within him, but it certainly would not have caused anything serious.

A further point arises in this subject, namely, the power to respond to various influences. Take for instance a man with Mercury weak or badly placed in his horoscope, and possessing a dull mind, how can he respond to mental influences; one who has little affection, how can he respond to influences of Venus; one with no social element, how can that one respond to influences of Jupiter; and so on?

All the way through we see the plain truth shown, that we can by a knowledge of ourselves, improve our lives and destinies, and can control to a certain extent what we wrongly call the future.

Now in concluding this portion of our article, I want to again impress upon my readers that there is no such thing, properly speaking, as "The Future." That the future really means the good and evil periods of our lives, which we all, some of us to a little extent, others to a greater, have power to amend or modify. That there is no such thing as absolute fate, but that we make our fate by allowing the planetary forces to rule us, instead of our ruling them, and finally, last, but not least, that our future life, both as regards health, wealth, success, and happiness, depends on the development of our characters.

In next month's issue we shall deal with another aspect of the practical uses of the science, namely, the use and abuse of astrology.

"No, sir," said the weary-looking man at the seaside; "I wouldn't marry the best woman alive. I've been a draper's assistant too long for that."

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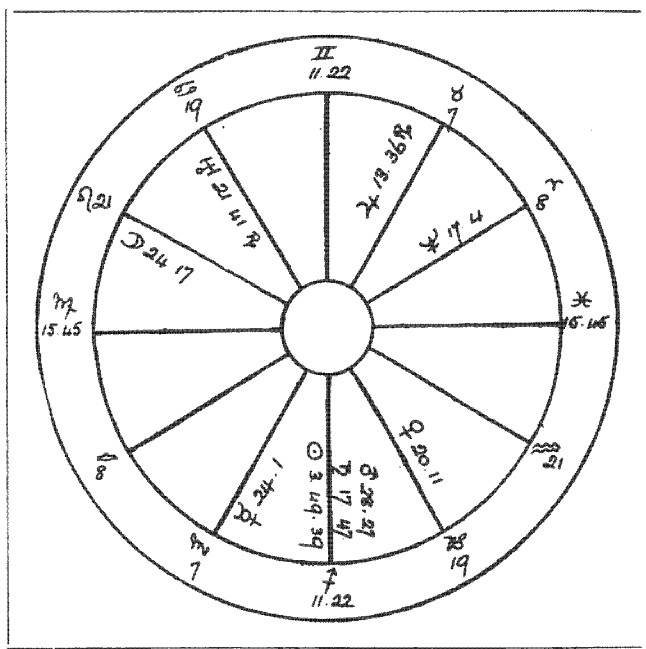
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.—X.

Another Popular Queen.

THE Queen of Norway, formerly Princess Maud of Wales, the youngest daughter of our King, was born at Marlborough House on the 26th November, 1869, at 0.20 a.m., when the second decanate of the sign Virgo was rising. The disposition is quiet and retiring, intelligent and discriminative, modest and sensitive, but pratical and ingenious, ambitious and persevering. The character is generous, sincere, loyal, confident and self-reliant, hopeful and buoyant in spirits, and very affectionate. The personality is candid and open, honorable and generous, frank and sincere, hating all underhand and secretive actions. The mind is shrewd and active, witty and sarcastic, ingenious and fertile of resource, but tending to be obstinate and positive. The elevated position of Jupiter shows success and prosperity, and as this planet has the trine of the ascending degree, it will bring advancement and elevation.



The Queen was married on July 22nd, 1896, when the ascendant was directed to the sextile of the Sun, and the Sun to the parallel of Jupiter, ruler of the seventh house.

At the time of ascending the throne of Norway, the Sun was directed to the trine of Jupiter, the meridian was in sextile to Jupiter, and the ascendant in parallel to the same planet, while the Sun by converse motion was in sextile to Mars. The directions for the coming years of life are not quite so favourable for the Queen as her husband's are. The Sun is coming to the parallel of Saturn and the opposition and parallel of Uranus. Still to counteract this we have the Sun in conjunction with Venus, and Mercury and Mars in sextile to the Sun. These evil directions seemingly point to unfavourable domestic conditions, illhealth, and bereavement, and the climax of the influences seem to fall out in 1914. When compared with other members of our own Royal Family this should be interesting. An interesting point of harmony occurs between the horoscopes of the King and Queen. The Sun in the Queen's horoscope is in trine exact with the Moon in the King's horoscope, while the Queen's Sun is on the King's ascendant, a sure sign of harmony and marital felicity.

HEIR TO THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.—The following announcement appeared in the *Daily Express* for the 1st June:—"Arundel Castle, May 30th, 1908. Her Grace the

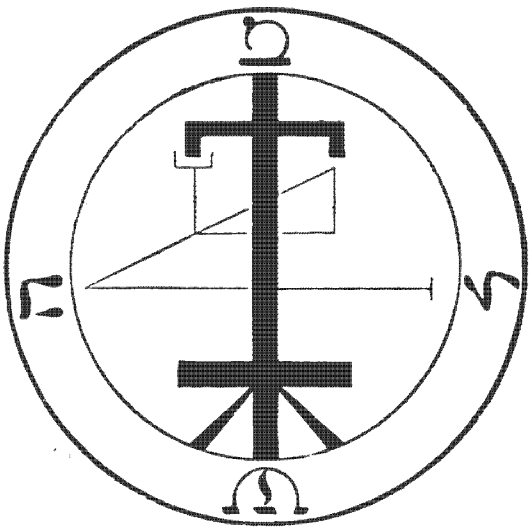
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Duchess of Norfolk gave birth to a son at 1.45 to-day. The condition of her Grace and the infant Earl of Arundel is all that could be desired."

We shall have the pleasure in presenting the horoscope of the infant Earl in the next issue of the MESSENGER.

The Talisman for the Month.

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Old London and New.

EVERY VISITOR to London just now must be charmed by the brightness, gaiety and beauty that is so apparent in the West and round about the great Exhibition, but it has been in the past the scene of many tragedies and horrors. It might do us all good to read a little about Hyde Park, which is now so beautiful, and see how things have improved since the "good old times."—It was in Hyde Park that men were hung, drawn and quartered, and the notorious "Triple Tree" was situated; it was there that Cromwell's body was exhumed and gibbeted, that Jack Shepherd, Jonathan Wild and the Holy Maid of Kent met their deaths, with countless others, by the hangman and by fire, and Catherine Hayes was burnt and the crowds and the "smart set" of the period were spectators of the scene. Hyde Park has been a Royal forest, the fishing ground of monks, a famous racecourse, the training ground of Cromwell's troops, and was sold by auction. Exhibitions have taken place there, it has served London for centuries as the great safety-valve—for duels, love-making, death scenes, fashion, amusement and great rejoicings, and great demonstrations and celebrations of national triumphs and festivities. Hear the account of an execution at Tyburn:—

> It was the earliest custom to tie the wretched victim by the heels, attach him by a rope to a horse's tail, and thus drag him from gaol to the place of execution. Arrived at his destination, jeered and howled at all the way, and sorely bruised as he jolted over the rough roads to his death, he was placed on the gibbet. The rope, after much fumbling, was adjusted mid the yells of the spectators, and then the prisoner was hoisted on high by the executioner and his assistant, until slow suffocation ended his misery.
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> In only too many cases, however, the dread sentence of "hanged, drawn and quartered" was carried out with all its attendant horrors. The condemned wretch, after he had been dangled from the gallows on a short rope for a considerable time, and undergone all the horrors of death with suffocation without its merciful release, was cut down still alive. Then he was stripped, his clothes being the executioner's perquisite, and with his knife that functionary marked off the lines he would follow in carrying out the quartering. The victim was then disembowelled, the entrails being thrown on a fire and burnt before his dying eyes. The head was decapitated. Finally, the mutilated corpse was divided into four pieces, which were sometimes salted or par-boiled, and, with the head, made five ghastly evidences of the consequences.

Even soldiers and sailors were hung at Tyburn in "the good old times," and batches of men, women and children suffered the penalties of martyrdom for offences which to-day would be visited with a few days' imprisonment.

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Birthday Influences during July.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, △ ♄, ☌ ♃, par ♀. A favorable birthday, improvement of position, social and financial benefits, gain through females. A child born on this day will rise in life to a high position, will benefit through friends, elderly people and superiors, and marry well.

2. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♌, par ☿ & ♃, ☉ □ ♄. An evil anniversary, danger of illhealth and bereavement, loss of position and power. A child born on this day will be of good judgment, but will have a hard struggle in life, and much to contend against.

3. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, ♀ ☍ ♅. An evil birthday for females and single women especially. A child born on this day will have many little ups and downs in life, be in danger of disgrace through the opposite sex, and have little success.

4. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ☿, ♀ ☉, ♆ △ ♅, A remarkably good anniversary; many benefits, changes, gains, and improvement of position. A child born on this day will be clever and lucky, and get on well in life, will have success in undertakings and the help of friends; will benefit also through opposite sex.

5. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♍, ☽ ✶ ♂, A generally successful year, new undertakings and promotion. A child born on this day will be active, energetic and enterprising, and will rise in life.

6. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎, □ ☿, ♀ ☉, ♆ ♅, ☍ ♄, ✶ ♃. A most evil year, changes, losses, illhealth and bereavement; a host of troubles and sorrow. A child born on this day will have a terrible struggle in life, and only through the help of friends will it be possible for him to make a way in life.

7. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♎, ☽ P ♄, ☉ ☌ ♅, ☍ ♆. A year of terrible trials and adversity; illhealth and suffering. A child born on this day is doomed to misery and poverty. Only providence can guard him from evil.

8. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♏, □ ♂, △ ☿. A changeable birthday, benefits in employ, favorable changes, but danger of quarrels and accidents. A child born on this day will be clever, acute and skilful, but passionate in temper.

9. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♏, △ ♀, △ ♆, △ ☉, ✶ ♅, □ ♃. A generally successful year, many benefits, changes and success in business, improvement of position, but heavy expenses. A child born on this day will be successful in life, intuitive, original, artistic, and affectionate, but very extravagant in money.

10. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, par ♃, ♀ ☿, △ ♂. A rather changeable year, many successes, social and financial gain, benefits in employ and successful undertakings. A child born on this day will be clever, of good judgment, skilful and energetic, and will rise in life through force of character and personal merit.

11. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♐, △ ♃, ♄ par ☉, ♂ ♆. A changeable year, some gain and success, promotion and improvement of circumstances, but danger of illhealth and imposition. A child born on this day will be rash and adventurous, but will rise in life and gain financially in his undertakings.

12. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, par ♅. ♀ □ ♄. An unfavorable birthday, danger of bereavement and grief; awkward changes and unlooked-for worries. A child born on this day will be careless and untidy, unruly and irritable.

13. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅, □ ♄, ☍ ☿, ♀ ☉ & ♆. A year of many trials, disaster and sorrow, danger of illhealth and bereavement. A child born on this day will have a terrible struggle in life, be weakly, indolent, and erratic, and will end his days in poverty and distress.

14. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♑, ☍ ♂, par ☉, ♆ & ♅. An evil anniversary, danger of accidents, quarrels, loss of position and much trouble. A child born on this day will be passionate, revengeful, hasty and impulsive, and unless checked in early youth will come to a bad end.

15. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☍ ♃, P ☿. A doubtful year, heavy expenses, benefits in employ and some favourable changes. A child born on this day will rise in life through the help of friends, be clever and artistic, but of extravagant tastes.

16. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♓, par ♀ & ♃, ☋ ☿, ∠ ♄. A changeable year, much unpleasantness, but gain through friends and some financial benefits. A child born on this day will be peevish and fretful, but will gain in employ and through friends; the life will be very quiet.

17. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♓, △ ♀, ☿ ♆, ✶ ♅. A good year, many benefits, important changes, financial and social gain, and success with other sex. A child born on this day will be intuitive, impressionable, artistic or musical, and should make a name for himself in the world.

18. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♓, △ ☉. A good year, gain through superiors with improvement of position. A child born on this day will be successful in life, gain success and prosperity.

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19. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♈, □ ♀, ☿ ♅ & ♆, △ ♂ & ♃, ☌ ♄. An evil year, illhealth, bereavement, losses, and much tribulation, but gain through energy and perseverance. A child born on this day will have much trouble to contend with, but success will come through energy and enterprise, and the help of friends.

20. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♈, □ ☉. An unpleasant year, danger of illhealth and loss of position. A child born on this day will meet with little success, and should always remain in employ.

21. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♀, ☿ & ♆, △ ♅, □ ♂. A good year generally, changes, social and financial gain, benefits in employment, but danger of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be clever, original and inventive, and will gain in life thereby, but should guard against temper and disputes.

22. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♉, □ ♃, ✶ ☉. A doubtful anniversary, benefits in employ, promotion and success, but losses and heavy expenses. A child born on this day will be successful in life, gain through superiors and in employment, but be inclined to extravagance.

23. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, P ♀ & ☉, ✶ ♂ & ♄. A successful year, gain and promotion, success through elderly people and the opposite sex. A child born on this day will rise in life, and gain honour and popularity, will have success in undertakings and a prosperous life.

24. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, P ☿ & ♃, ♂ △ ♄. A good birthday, gain and promotion, much success in life. A child born on this day will be very successful—would do well as a soldier, or in any position requiring energy, pluck, and perseverance.

25. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, P ♅, ☌ ♀. A doubtful year, troublesome changes, gain through females and social benefits. A child born on this day will have many upsets and drawbacks, but should gain through intercourse with the opposite sex and gain by marriage.

26. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ☿, ☌ ♆, ☍ ♅, □ ♄. An evil anniversary, many changes, worries and annoyances, illhealth is threatened. A child born on this day will be wayward, erratic, high-spirited and unconventional, will have a hard struggle in life and much to contend against.

27. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, P ♅, ♀ ☍ ♅. An unfavorable year for females and single women, financial loss and danger of disgrace. A child born on this day will be wayward and impulsive, much drawn to the opposite sex, and in danger of disgrace.

28. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌, ☌ ☉, △ ♄. A favorable birthday; gain, success, and promotion. A child born on this day will rise in life, obtain recognition and popularity, and achieve much success.

29. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌ ☌ ♂, ☌ ♃, P ☉, ♂ & ♀. A doubtful year, some gains and losses, danger of disputes and litigation. A child born on this day will be rashly inclined should never speculate or undertake rash enterprises and should guard against law.

30. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, par ♃ ✶ ♀. A fairly good year, some social and financial success, but many little worries and troubles. A child born on on this day will be fairly successful in life, will gain through friends, but suffer somewhat at the hands of others.

31. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, △ ♅, ✶ ♆. A good year, with changes and removals. A child born on this day will be successful through travel and adventure, be very intuitive and original, and have a fairly prosperous life.

London by Night.

A BISHOP'S MARCH.

ELEVEN o'clock Saturday night. A weird procession with brass band and torches wends its way through all the squalid quarters of Westminster and Pimlico—perambulating for an hour and a half the muddy streets, halting before the flaring public-houses, while addresses are delivered, and adding to its length a growing crowd of followers. Busy workers go among the tavern frequenters and invite them to a social meeting. "Come drunk or sober" says the leading socialist. Throughout the whole muddy tramp he took his pilgrimage, walking in front, followed by the torch bearers, almost unrecognisable in a soft felt hat and dark overcoat. Who is this socialist—this modern copy of the original who lived among the lowly? The enterprising photographers, American type, have discovered the Bishop of London under this work-a-day garb, and flash-lights soon show that the *Daily Mirer* and the *Daily Pail* are busy. By the time the ginshops were all closed the procession had assumed large proportions. Men and women staggered along at the end, jostling each other, lurching unsteadily, and blinking at the flickering torches. Between three and four miles o streets were traversed, and then the crowd of degraded and debased humanity quickly filled the school-rooms. After refreshments, order came out of chaos, and the Bishop spoke messages of good fellowship and good cheer to an audience quite different to his usual one. Well done, Bishop; this is better than foreign missionary work to a heathen better than ourselves.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

X.—Popular Objections against the Science.—*(Continued.)*

IT is a remarkable thing, that the greatest objection made against the science of astrology by critics and scoffers, is one of the strongest arguments in favour of the truth of its principles. I refer to the subject of twins.

It is argued, without the slightest foundation in fact, that because the lives of twins are dissimilar, that because their characters and dispositions are unlike, the science of astrology is proved to be a fallacy.

Now, is it so? I propose to show in the present paper that these arguments are utterly fallacious, and can be controverted by practical experience. I am not going into the subject from a physiological point of view, because this side of the question would lead us into matters too technical and learned for the great majority of our readers.

If persons are born at the same time, and at the same *place*, under the same conditions of environment, there is no controverting the point that their *general* destiny will be nearly the same. But difference of environment counts to a considerable degree. In the case of twins, they are not born at the same time, the difference between the births varying from five minutes to an hour or two.

Generally an interval of from five to twenty minutes or half-an-hour occurs between twin births, and then it is impossible for the events of life, character and disposition, to be the same. In a case where twenty minutes elapsed between the births, a different sign might be rising at each birth. In one case Taurus would be on the ascendant; in the second, Gemini would be rising. Then there would be a total dissimilarity both in appearance, disposition, and events of life. Then again, there are causes where the birth times are so close that the personal appearance, events, and everything in life are in close agreement. Two cases of this nature are here given.

"Nicholas and Andrew Tremayne were twins, and younger sons of Thomas Tremayne, a Devonshire gentleman of good estate and well connected. So perfect was their likeness in size, shape, feature, the colour of hair, and even the very tone of their voices that it was impossible for the nicest eye to find out any point of difference. Wonderful as was his external similitude, it was yet more surprising to find them governed by precisely the same feelings and affections. What one liked the other liked; what one loathed the other loathed: if one was ill, the other sickened: and if one was pained the other suffered in the same part and in the same degree.

"In the year 1654, these twins served in the wars, and in a fierce battle which ensued one of the twins was slain. The other stepped into his place, and fighting with the utmost gallantry, fell dead upon the body of his brother."

The second case is one of recent years, and the twins are none other than the two celebrated tennis players, E. R. and C. G. Allen, who were born on 28th December, 1868, the former at 10 p.m., and the latter ten minutes before ten. The second decanate of Virgo rises in both cases, and there is only a difference of 1° 45′ between their ascendants. In personal appearance they are almost indentical.

Many cases of this can be brought forward, but as the same objection applies to two people, not twins. born the same time and place, two cases of this nature are now mentioned.

It is known that a Mr. Hemmings was born at the same time and close to the same place as King George III. He went into business on the same day that the King was crowned, he was married on the same day and died on the same day as the King.

The second case is a recent one, and known only to the writer, of a gentleman born at the same time and near the same place as the present Lord Rosebery. Their fathers died on the same day, they were married on the same day, and on the day that Lord Rosebery was made Prime Minister, the gentleman had an important promotion in business.

The further objection made in the case of twins is that if astrology be true, how is it that one often dies and the other lives. This argument arises through ignorance of the science. The first twin may be born when the Sun is rising (and therefore the giver of life) heavily afflicted, the second may be born ten or twelve minutes later, when the Sun will have passed out of the position of hyleg, or life giver, and the Moon or ascendant both well aspected may hold this position. Hence the former child will die, and the latter live. In other cases the positions may be reversed, and the first child live, and the second die, but in every case without fail, all this happens in accordance with the laws of the science.

As to why events in the lives of twins are dissimilar it must be pointed out that four minutes difference in the time of birth will make a difference of one year in time. Hence if in the case of one twin, a direction measured to the 21st year, in the second it would measure one year later. If there were eight minutes difference between the births this would make two years difference in time.

In some cases there is a dissimilarity in appearance. The cause of this is due to the fact that at the birth of one twin one sign may be rising, and at the birth of the other another sign will be on the ascendant. A different decanate rising will alter the personal appearance—a planet close to the ascendant in one birth may be several degrees away in the other. There are scores of different solutions to account for such dissimilarity.

Even so are the differences in disposition accounted for. Different signs, or decanates rising, planets close to the ascendant in one case, and several degrees away in others; different house positions of the planets, all these bring different traits of disposition and make the life of one twin

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unlike the other. But in most cases, when the time between the births is small, there is very little difference between the twins. It is only in cases where the time is very large—in some it may amount to an hour or two, or even more that any great difference is noted.

But it may be here said in conclusion that the same form of the heavens produces a similar body, character of mind, and kind of destiny and that astrologers believe, and will continue to believe, until they have evidence to the contrary—that persons who are thus born at the same time and place are well and ill, that they follow similar pursuits, are alike in mental and corporeal resemblance, marry and die nearly at the same time. It is a fact which is undisputable.

Next month we shall deal with some of the religious objections.

WHAT IS PRAYER? IS IT SELF-HYPNOTISM?

ON a recent Sunday the South London Ethical Society had a very interesting address on the above subject from Mr. Harry Snell, in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. He prefaced his address by readings from Tennyson and Aleister Crowley. In opening his lecture proper, Mr. Snell asked them to note that in all the forms and different stages of prayer, the source of prayer was the universal desire to get into some sort of communication with the extra-natural powers. The gods of the earlier peoples, and of present-day savage races, were anthropomorphic deities; their rites and observances showed that plainly. Their temples were at first mere holes or caves in a rock-face, where the gods could rest; their devotions took the form of gifts of food and of animal sacrifices. It was inevitable that out of such a condition of things there should grow a priesthood, and also that that priesthood should claim to be the voice of the gods. In time self-privation and prayer became methods of appealing to the unknown powers. Amongst these earlier races there was no belief that God ruled by law; they prayed for what they wanted; people always prayed when they wanted something, or when they were in fear or trouble. The question must occur: What is prayer? Is it self-hypnotism, or is it an organised hypocrisy? It was pretty certain that the person who felt impelled to prayer in time of sorrow or other deep feeling has no feeling of hypocrisy during that prayer time. Bnt it was worthy of notice that we never pray against certainties; it is only when and where we are in ignorance that we pray for favours. Even to-day prayers for rain are not unknown. Yet all our great undertakings, all our hopes for future progress are based upon the continuity of natural law. Long years ago, when Palmerston was asked to call a day of prayer, he advised a horrified nation to see to the drains. And in time of war we pray that success may be granted to our armies or navies, regardless of the fact that the other side is probably making the same appeal to the same God. Almost every week-end we pray that God will give our legislators wisdom—and the whole world sees the result. Would it not seem that a good God would do good, regardless of the appeals made to Him? That a wise God would be above counsel from man? And does not prayer in this light appear as the veriest blasphemy and presumption? Doctors, however, have much to say in support of praying; the value of suggestion and auto-suggestion is becoming more and more admitted as a real powerful influence for good. Prayer is a method of subjective stimulation, and a study of the human organism teaches us, among other things, that stimulation has its place in the physica constitution. We might say that when, from anly cause, one set of nerves is overstrained, this act of suggestion, intentional or otherwise, gives those tired nerves a rest, with the consequence that we rise relieved and refreshed. We cannot afford to reject any real support of our morals. The animal nature needs no artificial stimulation, it is always ready; but morality, the last to come, is the first to fly away. Yet let us make no mistake. The same stimulation as that derived from prayer may be, and is, found in books, and lectures, and music, and the sympathy of a friend; and the source of it is in all these instances to be found in "the human heart, by which we live." Man's cry to God will not change God, but it may change man; it is the telling that does the good; and there are many ways of praying.

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On the Colour Cure.

By "ASTROLABUS."

THERE is a little brochure in existence, published so long ago as 1901, written by A. Osborne Eaves, of Harrogate, on this fascinating subject. The booklet is of modest price, 1/9 by post, and may be obtained of the publishers of this magazine.

One striking paragraph that occurs in this book is worthy of much attention, viz., the first part of the introduction: "As a rule every animal lives six times as long as it takes to reach its maturity or full growth."

Now the age at which man is deemed to have attained this full growth is variously estimated at from 20 to 28 years. Therefore according to the above, man should live to any age from 120 to 170 years. This may seem a tall order but the writer of the book certainly has reason on his side. He alleges that the reasons which prevent this desirable span of years from being the common lot of humanity—barring accidents—are fear and the habit of taking drugs.

As a convinced homœopathist, I am bound to agree with the latter reason, and as a student of human nature, I must equally agree with the former.

As a homœopathist I cannot entirely agree with the writer's proposal to exclude drug action altogether and his alternative proposition—that of subjecting sufferers to the action of coloured light, and of water which has been acted upon by coloured light, seems to me to demand very exhaustive experiment before being acted upon exclusively. That it has done wonders and will do more, is, however, certain. All of my readers will without difficulty, recall the light treatment for lupus, which is the only available means nowadays of ever hoping to fight this dread disease.

But the point which has concerned me most as an astrologer has been the comparison of the colours given for the treatment of diseases with the colours assigned to the planets which are said by astrology to produce those diseases. I do not find a very close correspondence on a rapid examination. There is, however, one very remarkable agreement. The writer states that Professor Finsen of Copenhagen, has cured small pox patients by placing them in a red coloured room. All readers of "ours" must by this time know that small pox is a martial disease and that the colour assigned to Mars is red. This would seem to be a case of sympathy, or what one might call a homœopathic colour cure.

Again the respirating organs require "orange" water, *i.e.*, water which has been under orange coloured rays for some hours or kept say in an orange coloured bottle. Now Taurus rules the throat and Gemini the chest region and arms. The colour of Taurus according to astrology is lemon or white, while that of Gemini is white and red. If lemon and red are mixed in the proper proportions they will produce orange.

Whether those diseases and colours which do not appear at first sight to agree with astrology may be brought into line by use of admixtures of colours or by complementaries, I cannot say, but it would be a very interesting study for those interested in this subject of colour cure.

Among the best collection of curiosities in the world the American Patent Office should take high rank. Among them is a neglected contrivance for making hens lay an extra number of eggs. It consists of a nest with a spring trap for a floor. The hen cackles away and lays her egg, which promptly falls through into a soft receptacle beneath. The bird naturally turns round to see what she has laid. Seeing the empty nest, she thinks there must be some mistake, so she cackles again, and lays another egg. By the time she has done this half-a-dozen times she turns away in disgust, but the farmer has got his eggs.

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Old Moore's Monthly Outlook.

The New Moon.

The New Moon ruling the month occurs on July 28th at 7.17 in the morning, the luminaries being conjoined on the cusp of the twelfth house with the planet Mars, an indication of a great increase of crime, outrages, incendiarism. Fires will be numerous, and a hospital or institution is in danger of disaster. The affliction of Mercury is bad for the general public, much unrest, duplicity and diplomatic intrigue being prevalent. Frauds and forgery will be in evidence, losses to the national exchequer, falling off of trade and a shortage of funds being shown. The affliction of Venus ruling the third is bad for railways, traffic returns will be bad, and railway shares will drop heavily.

The Weather.

The weather will be hotter than usual and heavy thunderstorms are likely, and damage to the harvest will be experienced. The position of Uranus in the fifth is bad for the rising generation, and disputes affecting education and allied matters will arise. The approaching conjunction of Mars with Jupiter, the latter ruling the seventh house, is ominous of disputes with other powers, and care will be required to avoid this. Saturn in the eighth house in square to Venus, ruler of the tenth, points to the demise of an eminent lady of the land, while death will lay its hand heavily on the fair sex, also among parliamentary people.

A Troublesome Time.

The planets in the eleventh house point to disputes over women's suffrage, housing matters, and disputes and recriminations will occur in domestic circles, the social element being decidedly under a cloud.

France, Italy and places ruled by Leo will experience exciting times during the month, panics on Change being indicated, while fires and incendiarism will be prominent. Bath, Bristol, Taunton, and towns ruled by Leo should be on guard against fires. Japan will also suffer from this lunation.

Conjunction of Mars and Jupiter.

The two planets Mars and Jupiter are conjoined at 9.35 a.m. on August 14th. The conjunction takes place in the eleventh house, a warning of grave troubles to the government, excitement in Parliament and danger of the defeat of the Ministry, either in this country or in France, perhaps both. Great heat will prevail during August.

In Asia Minor, 40 E. Long., the two planets will culminate, and a reign of terror

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will occur in these parts, with rioting and bloodshed. Danger of a holy war is threatened. Earthquakes are threatened in these parts, also in France, Italy and Persia.

At Tokio, the two planets are setting, pointing to much trouble to Japan, danger of war and religious disturbances through the zeal of different grades of Missionary work.

Conjunction of Mars and Mercury.

This occurs at 0.15 a.m. on August 21st, and falls close to the lower meridian at Greenwich. At Bath and Bristol it is exactly on the nadir, a warning of fires and accidents in those places. Earthquake shocks are threatened in about 3 W. Long., this meridian falling through Brittany, Spain and Western Africa.

Serious earthquakes are threatened in many parts of the world during August, owing to the conjunction of planets in the fixed sign Leo.

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the standpoint of a careful observer, and in conjunction with "Faces" will be found very useful in all work-a-day affairs.

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Astronomical Phenomena

FOR AUGUST, 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	5th	...	9h. 40m. morn.
Full Moon,	12th	...	4h. 59m. morn
Last Quarter,	18th	...	9h. 26m. aft.
New Moon	26th	...	10h. 59m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

The SUN in Leo until the 23rd, enters Virgo at 1.57 afternoon on that day.

MERCURY is in Cancer until 6th, passes through Leo in fifteen days; enters Virgo on the 22nd; in conjunction with Sun, Mars and Jupiter from 19th to 22nd.

VENUS is a morning star in Cancer all the month.

MARS and JUPITER are in Leo, in conjunction on 14th at 9.35 a.m.

SATURN is becoming well placed for observation.

URANUS is in Capricorn and NEPTUNE in Cancer, the former fairly well placed for observation.

For the Moon's position see "Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure."

The Weather.

The month will be noticeable for a spell of great heat, the planets Mars and Jupiter being in conjunction from the 2nd to the 26th—the Sun is in conjunction with Mars from the 6th to 31st and with Jupiter 11th to 25th—the early part of the month will be fair, some downfall on 2nd; the middle of the month much hotter, with great heat and thunderstorms 19th to 23rd. Cooler towards end of month.

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A Table of Celestial Signs.

A TABLE of the celestial ruling signs which create and influence events, and which will be found useful in Mundane Astrology.

Ruling Signs.

There is a desire on the part of many for a list of places ruled by the various signs of the Zodiac. We have read and carefully considered the various claims on this subject and have compiled a list which we believe to be accurate in nearly every case, and a number of recognised authorities agree with us.

ARIES.—Countries. Great Britain, Syria, Germany, Denmark, Palestine Cities: Naples, Florence, Marseilles, Leicester.

TAURUS.—Countries: Ireland, Cypress, Persia, Poland. Cities: Dublin, Palermo, Leipsic.

GEMINI.—Countries: South and West England, Belgium, Sardinia, United States of America, parts of Egypt. Cities: London, Versailles, Melbourne.

CANCER.—Countries: Holland, Scotland, Africa, New Zealand. Cities: Venice, Manchester, Constantinople, New York.

LEO.—Countries: France, Sicily, Italy. Cities: Bath, Jerusalem, Bristol, Rome, Philadelphia.

VIRGO.—Countries: Turkey, West Indies, Assyria, Switzerland, Brazil, Babylonia. Cities: Reading, Cheltenham (Eng.), Paris, Lyons.

LIBRA.—Countries: Central China, Thibet, Japan, Austria, Upper Egypt. Cities: Charleston, Lisbon, Vienna, Antwerp, Copenhagen.

SCORPIO.—Countries: Morocco, Norway, Bavaria, the Transvaal. Cities: Washington Baltimore, Dover, Liverpool, Halifax.

SAGITTARIUS.—Countries: Spain, Hungary. Cities: Nottingham, Sheffield.

CAPRICORNUS.—Countries: Greece, India, Mexico, Philippine Islands, Macedonia. Cities: Oxford, Brussels, Afghanistan.

AQUARIUS.—Countries: Russia, Prussia, Tartary, Arabia, Sweden, Abyssinia. Cities: Hamburg, Bremen, Brighton.

PISCES.—Countries: Portugal, Alexandria, Normandy, Asia Minor, Lower Egypt. Cities: Hull, Seville.

Many other places are either not yet classified or lack a verification.

Celestial Signs which influence the destinies of men and women.

ARIES, THE RAM.—Presides over absent friends and relatives.

TAURUS, THE BULL.—Presides over travellers by sea and land.

GEMINI, THE TWINS.—Presides over friendship and enmity.

CANCER, THE CRAB.—Presides over health and longevity.

LEO, THE LION.—Presides over property lost or mislaid.

VIRGO, THE VIRGIN.—Presides over love and courtship.

LIBRA, THE BALANCE.—Presides over promotion, wealth, and fortune.

SCORPIO, THE SCORPION.—Presides over males who desire marriage.

SAGITTARIUS, THE ARCHER.—Presides over success in any undertaking.

CAPRICORNUS, THE GOAT.—Presides over public and private events.

AQUARIUS, THE WATERMAN.—Presides over happiness and misfortune.

PISCES, THE FISHES.—Presides over females who desire marriage.

In a latter issue we shall give a table of ruling influences on colours. We are constantly being asked to deal with this for many purposes, several readers have now pointed out so many directions in which colours control business, such as fashions, paper tints, eyesight and health, furniture, decoration, etc., that we feel impelled to deal with it, and we hope to place it in the next issue.

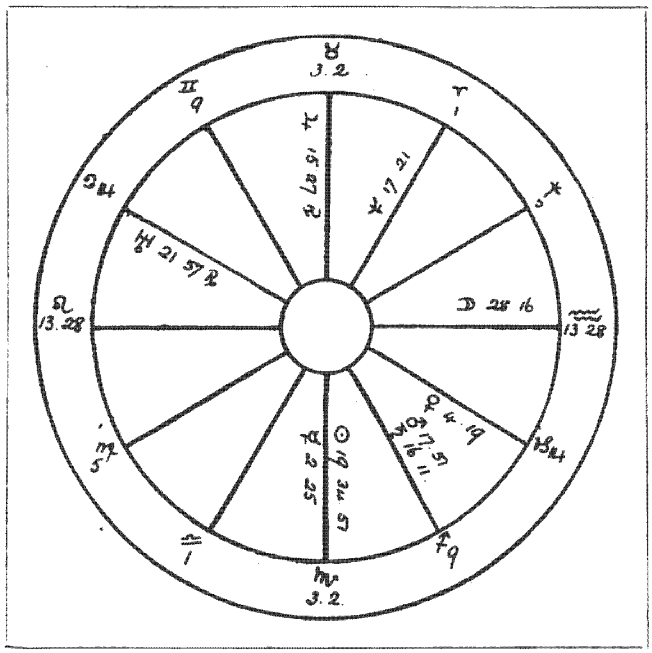
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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

XI.—The King of Italy.

THE King of Italy, whose horoscope is the subject of our sketch this month, was born at Naples, on 11th November, 1869, at 10.45 p.m. when the planets were placed as in the map below.

The King is a very strong-minded and determined monarch, but generous, persevering and kind. In character he is reserved and dignified, somewhat exacting and stubborn, and inclined to go to extremes. With a fixed sign rising, the Sun, Moon and Mercury all in fixed signs, the indications of determination, persistence and stubbornness are very strongly marked. The conjunction of Saturn and Mars will give him strong passions and a hasty temper, and will make him liable at times to many terrible misfortunes. The tragic death of his father can be counted as one, and further severe troubles are in store for him in a few years hence, when the meridian comes to the opposition of these two planets. War, either European or internal, and probably loss of his throne are signified.



It is to be hoped that international disputes will not arise during the coming summer, for he has the Sun in exact parallel to Mars, and the Moon is in opposition to the latter planet. The Sun, however, is in sextile to the Moon, so that whatever betides it should be in his favour. By converse directions Mars is conjoined with the Sun. These indications are ominous of war, and Raphael in his Almanac for the present year has strongly pointed out this fact. Moreover, it is to be noted that the Sun in the King of Spain's horoscope has progressed to the opposition of Mars in the King of Italy's horoscope and that both Kings are under martial influences. In addition to this Mars by converse direction in the King of Italy's horoscope, has reached the place of the Moon in the other horoscope; hence it is to be feared that some complications will arise between these two Monarchs. We must also remember that Mars is in Sagittarius, the sign ruling Spain, and that the evil comes through this position, hence the Spanish influence is again strongly shown.

It is certain from the coming directions that evil is in store for the King of Italy.

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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

XI.—The Use and Abuse of the Science.

WE now proceed to make a summing up of the previous articles on the subject of the practical uses of astrology by dealing with the uses and abuses of the science. The practical uses have been dealt with briefly in the ten preceding issues of THE MESSENGER. I use the word briefly, for as a matter of fact one might write several pages on each of the various matters which have been dwelt upon. We have shown the uses of the science generally, from the development of the mind and character, health, the training of children, everyday occurrences, marriage, profession, up to the future, and how the science can be made use of in all the various departments of everyday life and affairs. On this side of the question therefore enough has been said for the present.

On the question of the abuses of the science, there are several points upon which we wish to speak rather pointedly, and especially for the benefit of those who desire to make use of practitioners of the science for advice and help.

In the first place it was never intended that the science should be taken up by a number of illiterate and unscrupulous men, aye, and women too, for the mere purpose of gain and profit, by duping their clients with trash and ungrammatical rubbish, not only injuring the science, but placing themselves in the position of law breakers, for it is the pretence of astrology against which the law speaks in no uncertain voice.

There are at the present time a number of self-styled professors and madames, ignorant and illiterate imposters, whose knowledge of astrology is absolutely nil, and whose readymade so-called horoscopes are on a par with their own knavish and fraudulent tactics. I have no wish to mention names, as it is a matter of common knowledge that such persons exist. At the same time it is only fair to say that some advertisers are not to be classed with these pirates, for their work is done conscientously, carefully and honestly.

I am mentioning this matter because I think it is right that the many thousands of my readers should know who are and who are not astrologers. The genuine astrologers in England can be counted on the ten fingers, while the imposters and charlatans are legion. We are told by one astrologer, that he went into the office of one of the so-called astrologers who conducted the column in a ladies paper, and he was told that no calculations were made, the answers were "guessed at."

This state of affairs is disgraceful, and one often deplores that the Vagrant act cannot be put in force against these wretched imposters who impose upon the public by pretending to cast horoscopes.

The next abuse I refer to, is the misuse of the science for the purposes of horse racing and betting. As to whether the so-called systems of discovering winners by means of astrology is correct or not, is not exactly the point. Apart from this point of view, there is the moral outlook. It is a patent fact that everyone cannot be winners and someone must loose.

Horary astrology, and the doctrine of elections is another branch of the science which is deplorably misused. A man wishes to open up a business. He choses a suitable time astrologically, by means of a horary figure and an election, but his own horoscope is neglected. I have pointed out this matter to people over and over again. If your horoscope does not show success in the particular work you are about to engage in, all the horary figures and elections in the universe will never bring you success. This is one of the abuses of the science. The horary branch of astrology was never intended to be used for matters arising out of the horoscope. It was intended for solving matters of moment arising from everyday occurrences. A letter is received containing news of the illness of a relative. The question naturally arises in the mind of the reader. Will he live? The moment of such query is noted, a figure erected, and the result shown. Here we get a practical use of the science, and a *proper* use. I wonder what the compiler of the horary column in a journal would say, if told that the work was pure trash.

There are many other ways in which the principles of the science are misused and abused. I might name a dozen others, but what I have given will suffice for the purpose of enlightening my readers on this subject. A man who poses as an astrologer, before he understands the elementary principles of the science and dupes his clients with worthless trash, is just as much a criminal, as a man who poses as a doctor, without even having learned the rudiments of medicine, and poisons his patient with drugs whose actions he does not understand.

In the next article, the concluding one of these series, we shall deal with another aspect of the science, viz., "What is Astrology."

A dealer, in selling a horse, frequently reiterated that the animal was "an honest horse." After the sale was effected, the purchaser inquired what the dealer meant by "an honest horse." "Why, sir," was the reply, "whenever I rode him he always threatened to throw me, and he certainly never deceived me."

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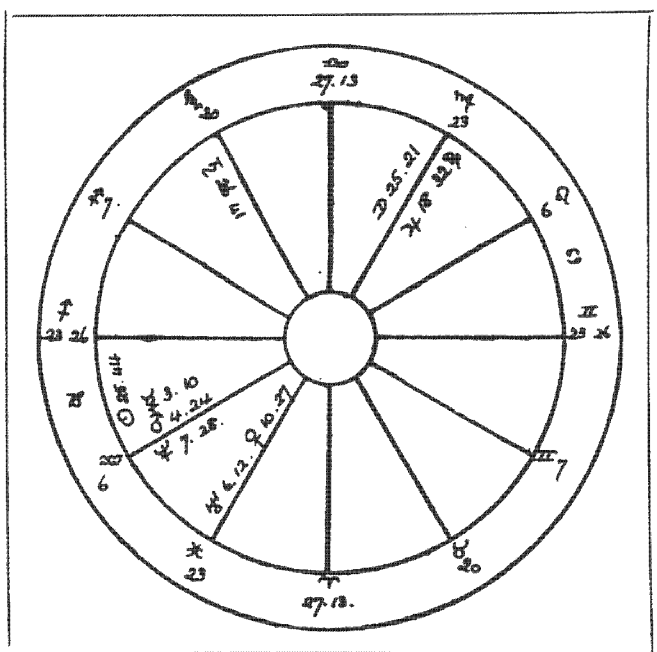
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Example Horoscopes for Students.

No. 11.—Male, born in Lat. 51. 13 N., on 16th January, 1838, at 6 a.m.
Father died, 5th September, 1880. Mother died, 3rd March, 1883.

THE case for our study this month is for the purpose of showing the directions operating at the deaths of the parents, this forming a pleasing variation from our ten preceding studies. The birth time in this case is given in local time, as Greenwich time was not recognised at the date of our subject's birth. The G.M.T. corresponding to this was 5.55 a.m.—the birth occurring 1° 15' E.

The R A.M.C. is 13h. 40m. 56s., and the planets are placed as in the subjoined figure. The subject of our sketch was a very successful farmer and market gardener in the locality where he lived. Note ☉ △ ☽ and ♃ from earthly signs and ♄ ✶ the luminaries. The father died on 5th Sept., 1880, our subject being then 42 years 7 months 19 days old, an equivalent of 42d. 15h. 16m. This added to the birth time brings us to Feb. 27th, 9h. 11m. p.m. The directions in operation at that time were as follows:—☉ P ☌ ☍ P 1° sep. ☉ P ☌ ♅ P. The Moon was then in exact □ ☉ R. Uranus was then in transit over the ♌ of the ☉ P, ☍ P & ♅ P, while ♅ and ♄ by transit afflicted the evil solar directions by parallel. By primary direction the Asc. would be ☌ ☍ and the M.C. □ ♅. The mother died on 3rd March, 1883, our subject being then 45y. 1m. 17d., equal to 45d. 3h. 8m., bringing the progress to March 2nd, 7.12 a.m.



The ☉ P ☌ ☍ P was still close (with 1¼°) and the Moon was just separated from ♌ ♄. The progressed midheaven was ♐ 11°, the meridian of the diurnal horoscope for the day of death was ♐ 11° and the Moon on the same day passed that very same degree—something more than a coincidence.

Before closing this case we will look at the prenatal or converse directions. We have the ☉ with 2° of □ ♀, and the Moon midway between ♅ and ♀. For the mother's death the ☉ is □ ♀ exact, and the ☽ is ☌ ☍ R.

A similar illustration shall be given in next month's issue.

The Fashionable Conversions.—Can anything be more ridiculous than to read of the conversions to order before marriage of notable brides. In the case of the present Queen of Spain who was educated in this country in strict protestant principles, and taught to value those principles because of the heavy cost in martyrs tortured and slaughtered in the manufacture; taught also to loathe and abhor the Spanish Inquisition and the other Spanish horrors and Catholic superstitions—then at the word of command to turn round completely—a study in black and white. We are still expected to respect the two churches that lent themselves to the "Entertainment," and we are still bothered for "collections" for Missions and Missionary work to convert the heathen. It is a pity that all the churches do not confine their work to the uplifting morally, socially and physically of humanity. There are many earnest men and women devoting their lives to this purpose, but working so quietly and yet effectually that in their own centre of work they are loved and respected, but they pass away without notoriety. The following recently appeared in the daily papers:—"The Pope has received (according to a telegram from Rome) a long message from Cardinal Gibbons regarding the conversion of Miss Elkins, the fiancée of the Duke of the Abruzzi, to the Roman Catholic faith. The American Cardinal states that all the difficulties have been overcome, and that the ceremony of conversion will shortly take place."

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What is the Sun made of?

IF that question had been proposed to any chemist, naturalist, or astronomer, twenty years ago—aye ten, or even less—the reply might have been "Who knows?" If the chemist, naturalist, or astronomer, had been further questioned as to his belief whether science of any kind might not probably some day inform us of the Sun's composition, he would have assuredly answered, "No!"

To have replied otherwise, indeed, would have seemed unsound and ignorant. With what reason could it have been expected that any portion of the Sun's materials would reveal their composition to mortal sense? The Moon's composition would have seemed a far more promising subject of inquiry. Occasionally, aërolites or metallic masses fall to us from above. Whence they come is still uncertain. According to one theory, they are assumed to have originally belonged to the Moon, and to have been thence projected by volcanic eruptions, so far as to come within reach of the earth's attraction. Many of this class of bodies have been collected and analysed. Their constituents have been made known through the direct evidence of chemical analysis; therefore—only granting their lunar origin—a portion of the Moon's constituents will have been revealed. I am aware that most of these aërolites are now supposed to belong to fragmentary asteroids coursing in planet-like orbits through our solar system; but, the very fact of their having been taken for lunar productions, shows that the materials of the Moon's structure were not deemed wholly beyond our observation or comprehension. These fragments only were thought to confirm our conclusions as to the Moon's physical structure as observed by the telescope.

But as for the Sun—ninety-four millions of miles away—there seemed no hope that we should ever succeed in making a closer chemical acquaintanceship with him. This has been effected, nevertheless; and, without giving a detailed narrative of how it has been effected, we shall do well to contemplate the bonds of union and acquaintanceship—so to speak—that subsist between the Sun and ourselves.

Firstly, we maintain a bond of acquaintanceship with the Sun through the intervention of the light that emanates from him; and this we may denominate the bond of popular acquaintanceship. Between our great luminary and the philosopher, there is another bond of acquaintanceship—the force of gravitation. Whereas, however, any considerable knowledge of the laws of gravitation requires close study, a considerable knowledge of the properties of light is forced upon us willingly enough, by the very construction of our eyes, and the necessities of our existence. Astronomers, long ago, reasoning upon facts to which their experiments led them, came to the conclusion that the Sun—regarded as a whole—is lighter, size for size, than the earth—only about a fourth of the earth's weight, indeed. To put the case in another way: assuming that the whole materials of the Sun could be intimately mingled, so as to yield an average, and then a piece cut out of the Sun exactly as big as our earth, such piece would only weigh about one-fourth of that of our own planet. To explain in what manner the weighing of the Sun has been effected, would be altogether impossible in a short paper like this. The weighing has been accomplished, however, and accomplished through gravitation: and this, until very recently, was all we knew in regard to the composition of the Sun. Whether it were made up of materials wholly different from those of our planet, or whether of materials identical in nature with some of those of which the earth is composed, was beyond the scope of human ken, and seemed likely to remain so. The lighter weight of the Sun conveyed no information as to the nature of the materials. The proportional weight of the same thing varies according to the amount of heat it has. For example, metals, the very heaviest class of bodies, can by the aid of sufficient heat be driven into vapour, and vapours, as we all know, are characterised by their lightness. So, it might be that the Sun was composed of materials naturally heavy, but expanded to lightness by heat; or it again might be, that the Sun was composed of materials naturally light—light, that is to say, at ordinary temperatures.

Long ago, the opinion began to prevail that the Sun was a molten mass of fire; and a very rational opinion, to most people, this will seem to be, considering the heat and light ever evolved from the great centre of our system. Then, afterwards came a period when that opinion fell pretty much into the back-ground amongst philosophers. It was argued that both heat and light might be produced by an orb neither inordinately hot nor luminous—an opinion, I beg leave to remark, that could never have gained much acquiescence on the part of the unlearned; for much philosophical refinement of thought is needed to reconcile the mind to the notion of heat and light being produced by a body of itself neither hot nor luminous.

Such continued long to be the sum total of our knowledge in regard to the Sun's composition. Doubting, speculating, we lived, but never hoping. Philosophers little knew what a glorious discovery was in store for them.

Every reader of this comprehends, I presume, what is meant by the term "prismatic spectrum," the wondrous coloured image thrown upon a screen when a jet or thread of white light is analysed or unravelled, so to speak, by means of a transparent triangular prism. Now, whatever the source of light may be, provided it evolve white light, a coloured spectrum may be produced by the agency of a triangular prism. Take heed, then, of the following fact, for upon a full comprehension of it a good deal hinges. A very unimportant fact you may be inclined to regard it, but

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the philosopher looks upon every fact, every revelation of truth, as having importance. The application of it may not come to-day—to-morrow; not in our time, perhaps, or it may be not for centuries after our time, but come assuredly it will; for facts are laws, and the laws of nature are impressed by God, and he does nothing in vain.

The fact to which I would direct the reader's attention, is the existence of certain black transverse lines across the solar spectrum, and only across the latter. If some sufficiently powerful light be substituted for that of the solar rays, then the particular black bands now under consideration are no longer developed. It is important, moreover, to note that the black solar spectral bands never vary—are never altered as to their relative position. This fact was noted and recorded in the annals of science; for, whenever the philosopher notes a constant occurrence, he treasures it. Not unfrequently such treasured stores of truth are pregnant with marvellous revelations, though at the time their full meaning and bearings may be unknown. So much, then, for the aforesaid black spectral bands. Premising that they were first remarked by Frauenhofer, and from that circumstance they have always been called Frauenhofer's bands, we will leave them for a time– their consideration to be resumed hereafter.

I must now record the evidence of certain experiments that will seem to be a long way removed from anything connected with the solar spectrum. Nevertheless, their evidence, joined by and by to the evidence furnished by Frauenhofer's bands, will hereafter reveal to us the great secret of the Sun's composition, in part at least. Did you ever see a display of artificial fireworks, wondering in what manner the beautiful flame tints were produced? Did you ever see an old woman throw a pinch of salt upon the fire "to clear the fire," as she said, before setting on the gridiron? Did you ever push, by design or inadvertently, a bit of copper amongst burning coals or into a candle flame? The evidence of the fireworks, the salt, and the copper wire, all goes to prove one and the same thing, namely, that each and every metal, as a rule, burns evolving its own peculiar tint. What metals, or what composition of metals, enter into ornamental fireworks, we will not here stop to investigate, but let it be understood that each metal communicates to flame its special hue.

The second and third illustrations (both very simple) are quite sufficient for my purpose. The old woman's pinch of salt—should you witness that experiment again, if not, I beg you will yourself perform it—will be observed to tinge the fire yellow; and so, if you dip a bit of string into some salt and water, then dry it, and when dry plunge it into the flame of a candle, the flame will acquire the same peculiar tint of yellow. And so, if—cross-questioning nature still—you take some of that beautiful and very curious metal which enters into the composition of sea-salt, and which is called "sodium"—if you take some of that metal sodium, and set fire to it in a small platinum spoon, it also—the metal sodium—will be seen to burn with a flame having the same tint of yellow. Similarly, the experimenter would find—were he to take the trouble of performing the experiment—that copper, and every preparation of copper, burns with a green flame. In order to perceive the distinctive tints evolved by respective metals undergoing combustion, no apparatus is necessary; but it is only by the aid of an electric lamp and triangular prism that the full beauty of the tint can be made manifest. Then will it be seen that sodium, when burned in a little charcoal crucible, within the electric lamp, developes, on the yellow portion of the spectrum, a still yellower band; that copper, similarly burned, produces on the green part of the spectrum a still greener band, and so on, a particular band or bands for each particular metal.

And this is curious too, viz., that if two or more metals be consumed in mixture, such as brass, a mixture of copper and zinc, for example, the prism picks out (so to speak) the rays peculiar to each metal, depositing them in the spectrum duly arranged, each of its own peculiar tint, each in its own proper locality.

So we now, by a course of experiments, have succeeded in obtaining a banded spectrum. The bands of our spectrum, however, are coloured, whereas those of the solar spectrum, the bands of Frauenhofer, are black. "There can hardly be any connection between the two phenomena," say you; wait awhile.

Turn back now again to our sodium. It is burning in a platinum spoon, we will suppose, evolving a vapour; that vapour is burning with the yellow light peculiar to sodium. We will now hold that sodium flame in the very track of the yellow rays that have been separated by the triangular prism from white light of the electric lamp. Watch now the result from the spectrum; a band of yellow seems to be clean cut out. There is, in place of it, a black band. Now, is this an arbitrary black band, or is it one to be found in the solar spectrum? Is it one of the Frauenhofer black bands? Yes, it so happens to be; and now, so far as the presence of sodium in the Sun is concerned, we have our revelation.

Assume the following case. Assume that the Sun is, as quite anciently it was assumed to be, a glowing ball of fire 1,384,492 times larger than our earth, a seething mass of burning materials. Assume a blazing flame of vapour to surround him, one constituent being the vapour of sodium. These conditions granted, we at once account for the one particular black sodium line or band of the Frauenhofer scale corresponding with sodium; and we can account for its presence on no other assumption.

Repeating the experiment with other metals, we produce other black bands on our artificial spectrum, conformable in every respect to other Frauenhofer bands; and thus, by following out this beautiful train of reasoning, philosophers have arrived at two conclusions: first, that the Sun, as was anciently supposed, is a mass of molten fire. Second, that he is surrounded with a blazing atmosphere, in which at least exist the metals iron, magnesium, sodium, chromium, and nickel.

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Spectre Witnesses.

MUCH as the disembodied spirits of the dead have associated themselves with men's actions, it is a rarity to find the intercourse between the world of life and that of spirits forming an item in official and practical business, and holding a place in the record of its transactions. The conflict of intellects in the practical business of life is a great exerciser of evil spirits; and while the strong-minded, the educated, and the learned, in the solitude of cloisters, in old graveyards, in caverns, or on 'blasted heaths,' have every now and then professed to be visited by apparitions, twelve of the most superstitious men in the world, empannelled as a jury, would hardly be found to attest a ghost story by a verdict in open court. Defoe, it is true, presents to us the history of a murderer who, in giving false evidence against an innocent man, is confronted by the ghost of the victim, with which he carries on a dialogue in open court, ultimately fatal to his conspiracy. But the ingenious writer leaves it undetermined whether the spectre was supposed to be present, or the diseased imagination of the perjured murderer, working upon his organs of sight, had called up the impression, and made the suggestions of his evil conscience, like those of Macbeth, appear to be embodied before his eyes. And here, by the way, let us just note how preposterously the stage, in representing this awful instance of the force of conscience, outwits itself in the belief that it is gratifying the taste of the multitude. The true impressiveness of the guilty man's terror consists in his seeing what the onlookers see not. "The table is full," but to him only—not to the wondering guests, or to his own iron-nerved wife. Yet at this moment, in the usual performance of the piece, some big stout man, dressed in tartans, with his throat painted to represent its being cut, stalks in and seats himself right in front of the audience, who should see the ghost of Banquo only reflected in the horror that distorts the countenance of Macbeth.

To return to our immediate subject. Sir Walter Scott having discovered, in the criminal records of Scotland, a trial for murder, in which some information received from the ghost of the murdered man was a part of the evidence, thought the record of sufficient interest to be printed for the Bannatyne Club, with the title "Trial of Duncan Terig *alias* Clerk, and Alexander Bayne Macdonald, for the murder of Arthur Davies, Sergeant in General Guise's regiment of foot, June, 1754." The sergeant was commander of a small party, employed in the obnoxious duty of enforcing the act against the Highlanders carrying arms and wearing their native costume. He was stationed at Braemar, where the quantity of game on the surrounding hills tempted him to make solitary sporting excursions. The spot where he met his death was on the hill of Christie, one of the range of mountains which extends from the Dee in Aberdeenshire towards the Spital of Glenshee, in the Braes of Angus. It is at this day a savage and solitary district, where human habitations or cultivated lands are hardly to be met with, and a body might lie in the deep heather till the flesh fell from the bones ere the usual course of chance might bring a visitor to the spot. We may have some idea of the sergeant's character from the testimony of his widow. He seems to have been a fearless, frank, good-natured man, fond of field sports, and well to do in the world. The wealth he carried about his person would not now be often found with one of his standing; but from Fielding's novels and other sources, it is pretty clear that a sergeant in the army occupied a much higher social position in that age than in the present.

The most important portion of the widow's testimony was thus given:—"Her husband was a keen sportsman, and used to go out a-shooting or fishing generally every day. When he went along with the party on patrol, he sent the men home, and followed his sport. On other occasions, he went out a-shooting by himself alone. He was a sober man, a good manager, and had saved money to the value of about fifteen guineas and a half, which he had in gold, and kept in a green silk purse, which he had enclosed within a leathern purse, along with any silver he had. Besides this gold, he generally wore a silver watch in his pocket, and two gold rings upon one of his fingers, one of which was of pale yellow gold, and had a little lump of gold raised upon, in the form of a seal. The other was a plain gold ring, which the deponent had got from David Holland, her first husband, with the letters D. H. on the inside, and had this posy on it—"When this you see, remember me." Sergeant Davies commonly wore a pair of large silver buckles in his shoes, marked also with the letters D. H. in the inside, which likewise had belonged to her said former husband; as also he wore silver knee buckles, and had two dozen silver buttons upon a doubled-breasted vest made of striped lutestring. He frequently had about him a folding penknife, that had a brown tortoise-shell handle, and a plate upon the end of it, on which was cut a naked boy, or some such device, with which he often sealed his letters. One day, when he was dressing some hooks, while the deponent was by, she observed he was cutting his hat with his penknife, and she went towards him and asked what he meant by cutting his hat? To which he answered that he was cutting his name upon it. To which the deponent replied, she could not see what he could mean by putting his name upon a thing of no value, and pulled it out of his hand in a jocular way; but he followed her, and took the hat from her, and observed that the A. was then cut out in the hat; and after he got it, she saw him cut out the letter D., which he did in a hurry, and which the deponent believed was occasioned by

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the toying that was between them concerning this matter; for when she observed it, she said to him, you have made a pretty sort of work of it by having misplaced the letters. To which he answered that it was her own fault, having caused him to do it in a hurry. The hat now upon the table, and which is lying in the clerk's hands, and referred to in the indictment, to the best of her judgment and belief is the hat above-mentioned. She never has seen neither the said sergeant, the green silk purse or leathern purse before-mentioned, nor the buckles for his shoes or knees, watch or penknife, since he marched from his quarters with the party at the time at which he is supposed to have been murdered. On Thursday, being the day immediately preceding Michaelmas, being the 28th of September, 1749, her husband went out very early in the morning from Dubrach, and four men of the party under his command soon after followed him, in order to meet the patrol from Glenshee; and in the afternoon, before four o'clock, the four men returned to Dubrach, and acquainted the deponent that they had seen and heard him fire a shot, as they believed, at Tarmatans, but he did not join company with them. At the place appointed they met with a corporal and a party from Glenshee, and then retired home. Her husband never returned. She has never met with anybody who saw him after the party returned from the foresaid place, excepting the Corporal who that day commanded the party from Glenshee, who told her that, after the fore-mentioned party from Dubrach had gone away from the foresaid appointed place, Sergeant Davies came up to him all alone, upon which the Corporal told him he thought it was very unreasonable in him to venture upon the hill by himself, as for his part he was not without fear even when he had his party of four men along with him; to which Sergeant Davies answered, that when he had his arms and ammunition about him, he did not fear anybody he could meet. Her husband made no secret of his having the gold before-mentioned; and upon the many different occasions he had to pay and receive money, he used to take out his purse and show the gold; and even when he was playing with children, he would frequently take out his purse and rattle it for their diversion, from which it was generally known in the neighbourhood that the Sergeant was worth money, and carried it about him. From the second day after the Sergeant and party went from Dubrach as aforesaid, when the deponent found he did not return, she did believe, and does believe at this day, that he was murdered; for that he and she had lived together in as great amity and love as any couple could do that ever were married, and he never was in use to stay away a night from her; and it was not possible he could be under any temptation to desert, as he was much esteemed and beloved by all his officers, and had good reason to believe he would have been promoted to the rank of sergeant-major upon the first vacancy." The body had lain for nearly a year before it was discovered. Of the state in which it was found, and the alleged appearance of the sergeant's ghost to the witness, Alexander Macpherson *alias* Macgillas, the following is an account in that person's own words, as his evidence was taken down in court:—

"In the summer of 1750, he found, lying in a moss-bank in the hill of Christie, a human body; at least the bones of a human body, of which the flesh was mostly consumed, and he believed it to be the body of Sergeant Davies, because it was reported in the country that he had been murdered in that hill the year before. When he first found this body there was a bit of blue cloth upon it, pretty entire, which he took to be what is called English cloth; he also found the hair of the deceased, which was of a dark mouse colour, and tied about with a black ribbon; he also observed some pieces of a striped stuff: and found also lying there a pair of brogues, which had been made with latches for buckles, which had been cut away by a knife. By the help of his staff, he brought out the body and laid it on plain ground; in doing whereof, some of the bones were separated one from another. For some days he was in a doubt what to do; but meeting with John Growar in the moss, he told John what he had found, and John bade him tell nothing of it, otherwise he would complain of the deponent to John Shaw of Daldownie; upon which the deponent resolved to prevent Crowar's complaint, and go and tell Daldownie of it himself; and which he having accordingly done, Daldownie desired him to conceal the matter, and go and bury the body privately, as it would not be carried to a kirk unkent, and that the same might hurt the country, being under suspicion of being a rebel country. Some few days thereafter he acquainted Donald Farquharson of his having seen the body of a dead man in the hill, which he took to be the body of Sergeant Davies. Farquharson at first doubted the truth of his information, till the deponent told him that, a few nights before, when he was in bed, a vision appeared to him as of a man clad in blue, who told the deponent, "I am Sergeant Davies"; but before he told him so, the deponent had taken the said vision, at first appearance, to be a real living man, a brother of Donald Farquharson's. The deponent rose from his bed, and followed him to the door, and then it was, as has been told, that he said he was Sergeant Davies, who had been murdered in the hill of Christie near a year before, and desired the deponent to go to the place he had pointed at, where he would find his bones, and that he might go to Donald Farquharson and take his assistance to the burying of him. Upon giving Donald Farquharson this information, Donald went along with him, and found the bones as he had informed Donald, and then buried them with the help of a spade, which he (the deponent) had alongst with him; and for putting what is above deponed on out of doubt, depones that the above vision was the occasion of his going by himself to see the dead body, and which he did before he either spoke to John Growar, Daldownie, or any other body. While he was in bed another night after he had first seen the body by himself, but had not buried it, the vision again appeared, naked, and minded him to bury the body; and after that he spoke to the other folks above-mentioned, and at last complied, and buried the bones above-mentioned. Upon the vision's first appearance to the deponent in his bed, and after going out of the door, and being told by it he was Sergeant Davies, the deponent asked him who it was that had murdered him,

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to which it made this answer, that if the deponent had not asked, he might have told him, but as he had asked him, he said he either could not, or would not; but which of the two expressions the deponent cannot say. But at the second time the vision made its appearance to him, the deponent renewed the same question; and the vision answered that it was the two men now in the panel [at the bar] that had murdered him. And being further interrogated in what manner the vision disappeared from him first and last, depones that, after the short interviews above-mentioned, the vision at both times disappeared and vanished out of his sight in the twinkling of an eye; and that, in describing the panels by the vision before-mentioned as his murderers, his words were, "Duncan Clerk and Alexander Macdonald"; depones that the conversation betwixt the deponent and the vision *was in the Irish language.*"

The idea of an English sergeant, even in the exalted form of a spirit, being able to speak Gaelic, startled the judge and jury, although, as Sir Walter Scott remarks, there is no greater stretch of imagination in supposing a ghost to speak a language which the living person did not understand, than in supposing it to speak at all. The other evidence against the prisoners was very strong; but this consideration as to Macpherson's deposition seems to have thrown a discredit over the whole case, and a verdict of acquittal was the consequence. A German would now suggest that phenomena of this kind are not wholly objective or external to the beholder, but partly subjective, and taking a character from himself, so that the English sergeant might really appear to the seer to speak 'as good Gaelic as ever was heard in Lochaber.' But such considerations were not likely to occur to a Scotch criminal court in the middle of the eighteenth century.

A book, privately printed under the title of 'Notices relative to the Bannatyne Club,' as appropriate to Sir Walter Scott's volume, give an account of a case in Queen Anne's county, Maryland, where the appearance of a spectre was attested in an action as to a will.

'William Briggs said that Thomas Harris died in September, 1790. In the March following he was riding near the place where Thomas Harris was buried, on a horse formerly belonging to Thomas Harris. After crossing a small brook, his horse began to walk on very fast; it was between the hours of eight and nine o'clock in the morning; he was alone; it was a clear day; he entered a lane adjoining to the field where Thomas Harris was buried; his horse suddenly wheeled in a panel of the fence, looked over the fence into the field where Thomas Harris was buried, towards the graveyard, and neighed very loud. Witness then saw Thomas Harris coming towards him in the same apparel as he had last seen him in his lifetime; he had on a sky-blue coat. Just before he came to the fence, he varied to the right and vanished. His horse took the road.'

We give another instance of delusions or impostures having some resemblance to our Highland ghost story, in Sir Walter Scott's words:—

'In the French *Causes Celebres et Interresantes*, is one in which a countryman prosecutes a tradesman, named Anguier, for about twenty thousand francs, said to have been lent to the tradesman. It was pretended that the loan was to account of the proceeds of a treasure which Mirabel the peasant had discovered by means of a ghost or spirit, and had transferred to the said Anguier, that he might convert it into cash for him. The defendant urged the impossibility of the original discovery of the treasure by the spirit to the prosecutor; but the defence was repelled by the influence of the principal judge; and on a charge so ridiculous, Anguier narrowly escaped the torture. At length, though with hesitation, the prosecutor was nonsuited, upon the ground that if his own story was true, the treasure, by the ancient laws of France, belonged to the crown. So that the ghost-seer, though he had nearly occasioned the defendant to be put to the torture, profited in the end by his motion.

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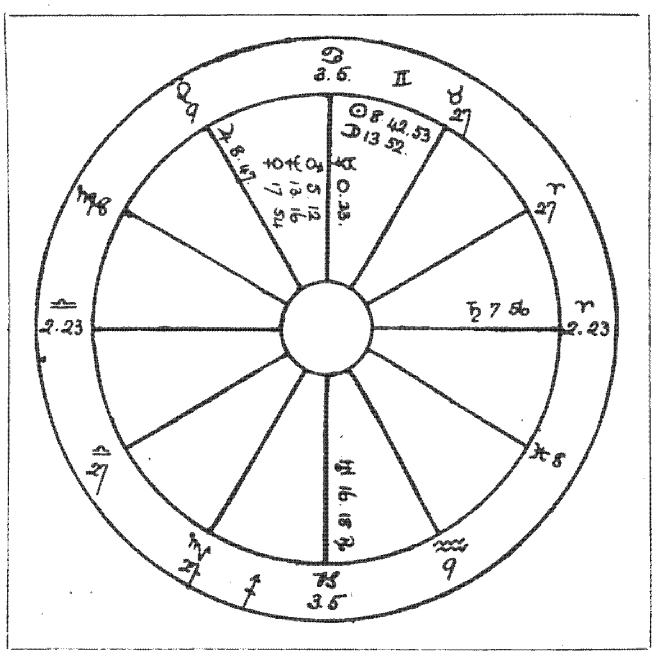
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Horoscopes of Celebrities.

XI.—The Duke of Norfolk's Heir.

AS promised in our last issue we give below the horoscope of the infant son of the Duke of Norfolk—the Earl of Arundel and Surrey—born at 1.45 p.m. on May 30th of the present year. The horoscope has both good and bad points. and were it not for the affliction of the Angles, would be an excellent one, for the luminaries are conjoined in sextile to both Saturn and Jupiter, and the two latter planets are in trine to each other. Unfortunately, however, the affliction of the mid-heaven by Mars, and of the ascendant by Saturn is of ominous import and denotes bereavement in early life, 1910 being especially significant, the meridian being then in conjunction with Mars, and the Moon conjoined with both. The affliction of Venus, ruler of the horoscope, by the conjunction of Neptune and opposition of Uranus is certainly not good.



The health and constitution are good, the Sun, hyleg, being in sextile to both Jupiter and Saturn, but there will be danger of gastric disturbances, and chest affections. The head, stomach and kidneys are the weakest parts of the system.

The marital prospects are unfortunate, Saturn in the seventh in square to Mars, causing delays, and hindrances to marriage. The affliction of Venus is another drawback. The character is aspiring and ambitious, intellectual, scientific, hopeful and cheerful, benevolent and sympathetic, but there is a tendency to over generosity and extravagance. The Sun in sextile to Saturn, however, will give steadiness, prudence, perseverance, and conscientiousness. The mind is active and changeable, with power to take a wide and comprehensive view of things, but inclined to be too sharp and acute, and given to exaggeration, the mind being distorted by the desire nature coming from the conjunction of Mercury with Mars. The trine of Saturn and Jupiter, with the sextile of the luminaries to both, pourtray the social status, financial position, and great wealth which he will enjoy, as well as being heir to the Premier Dukedom of England. He is born with a silver spoon in his mouth without a doubt.

We will now pass on to a short sketch of our illustrious subject's career. At the age of 22, the Sun will reach the conjunction of Mercury, and this will be followed at intervals by the following evil influences; Sun conjunction Mars, square Saturn, conjunction Neptune, opposition Uranus, these lasting until the age of 39. The chief critical period

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is at the age of 29 when we find the Sun conjoined with Mars, and the Moon conjoined with both. The next worst period is at the age of 37, when the Sun will be conjoined with Neptune, and close to the opposition of Uranus, and the Moon passes successively the following evil directions. □ ♂ R, ☌ ♄R, and P □ ☿ P, □ ♀ P, □ ♆ R and P, □ ♅ R and P, □ ♀ R. The transits at that time will be remarkably evil, especially so at the beginning of 1946. Marriage is probable at the age of 40 or 41, while the most successful period of the life, if our subject survives the evil influences mentioned is from 50 to 60.

The Earl of Arundel is likely to be a noted person in the world, and will probably leave either fame or notoriety behind him.

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The new "Life of Delane" gives the circulation of the "Times" in 1852 as 40,000, nearly six times as much as its nearest rival the "Morning Advertiser." It has increased since 1802, when we find the "Morning Post" growing in the way characteristic of that sedate organ in the days of its wild oats. The "Post's" sale for the week preceding April 17 had it appears, exceeded 2,900 daily. "This" it affirmed, "is equal to that which any daily paper ever reached in this country." The "Times" and other morning papers took this much to heart and published furious diatribes against the "Morning Post" but, apparently, did not venture to dispute its figures. The "Times," according to the "Post's" calculation, then stood fourth on the list of the dailies in respect of sale. The Paris papers were more prosperous, for, while four sold over 2,800 daily, the "Journal des Débates" had a circulation of 6,000.

Visitors to the Anglo-French Exhibition while reviewing the turn out of newspapers folded complete at the rate of 20,000 an hour, will wonder what strides another sixty years will make in this direction.

Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure.

1	24 ♍ 33	A quiet day; attend to ordinary duties.
2	6 ♎ 34	Doubtful day. Deal with superiors before evening.
3	18 44	Push affairs, attend to business before 7 p.m.; act discreetly after.
4	1 ♏ 7	Good day for social affairs; marriage or engagement.
5	13 47	A doubtful day. Act with caution and discretion.
6	26 49	Avoid disputes in the morning; deal with superiors in evening.
7	10 ♐ 15	Good day for business, dealing with elderly people and superiors.
8	24 7	Attend to important matters in the morning; doubtful after.
9	8 ♑ 27	An evil day for all things. Act with caution.
10	23 13	Also an evil day for all things; do nothing important.
11	8 ♒ 17	An unfavourable day; do not travel and avoid disputes.
12	23 33	Do nothing of any importance on this day.
13	8 ♓ 49	Travel, remove, ask favours and deal with the fair sex after midday.
14	23 55	An evil day for financial affairs; act cautiously.
15	8 ♈ 42	A most evil and unfortunate day; do nothing important.
16	23 3	Excellent day for all purposes; deal with superiors, push business, etc.
17	6 ♉ 56	Another good day for social affairs, business matters, etc.
18	20 21	Evil day for all purposes. Act warily and with caution.
19	3 ♊ 20	Good for business and financial matters in the morning.
20	15 57	A good day for business affairs only.
21	28 16	Good for new undertakings before 3 p.m.; act with caution after.
22	10 ♋ 22	*This is one of the most evil days of the year.*
23	22 19	A quiet day. Do nothing important.
24	4 ♌ 11	Attend to business affairs and elderly people in evening.
25	16 1	Attend social functions and entertainments after 2 p.m.
26	27 51	Doubtful day. Avoid disputes and be careful in money matters.
27	9 ♍ 43	Attend to business, etc. in morning; be careful of disputes after.
28	21 37	A good day for business and correspondence.
29	3 ♎ 37	An evil day for all purposes; do nothing important.
30	15 44	Do nothing important on this day.
31	27 59	Attend to business matters, etc.

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Birthday Influences during August.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ☿. A fairly successful year generally, some changes. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, but should be careful in dealings with the other sex.

2. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, ✶ ☉, ☌ ♄, □ ♀. A doubtful anniversary, improvement of position, but danger of ill health and bereavement. A child born on this day will rise in life, but his health will be a drawback, and he should be careful in money matters, and with the opposite sex.

3. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎, □ ☿, ♅ & ♆, ✶ ♃ & ♂. Another doubtful year, some unpleasant changes but gain through new work and enterprises. A child born on this day will be erratic and changeable, active and enterprising, but will not make much headway in life.

4. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♏, △ ♀, ☉ P ♀. A successful year, probably marriage or engagement for single ladies, also financial gain. A child born on this day will gain through females of note and should make a very successful marriage.

5. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♏, □ ☉ & ♂, △ ♆, ✶ ♅. An unpleasant anniversary, some changes, but danger of ill health, disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be original and inventive, but of a rash and hasty temper, and indiscreet in actions.

6. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♏, □ ♃, △ ☿. An unpleasant year, many little worries, changes and troubles, some minor benefits, but nothing very lasting. A child born on this day will be successful financially, but be rash and headstrong, and have many little ups and downs in life.

7. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, △ ☉, △ ♄. A favourable year, gain through superiors and in employment. A child born on this day will rise in life, have many friends and supporters and gain through employers.

8. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♐, △ ♃, △ ♂. An active and enterprising year, gain through new work, and many benefits financially. A child born on this day will rise in life, through enterprise and progressive tendencies, but must avoid impulse and extravagance.

9. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♅, □ ♄, ☌ ♀. An evil anniversary, danger of ill health, bereavement, loss of position and much trouble. A child born on this day will have a hard lot in life, be weakly, rash, improvident, and come to a bad end.

10. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♑, ☌ ♆. A doubtful anniversary, some unpleasant changes and trouble. A child born on this day will be changeable, irresolute and unreliable. He will make but little headway in life.

11. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☌ ☿. Benefits through employers, but troubles through letters and young folk. A child born on this day will be hasty and rash, have trouble through letters and being over sharp, but will benefit through employers and elderly people.

12. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♒, ☌ ☉, ♃ & ♂. An evil anniversary, danger of ill health and bereavement, losses and grief. A child born on this day will be hasty, rash and improvident; will have many troubles in life and a hard struggle for existence.

13. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♓, △ ♆, △ ♀, ✶ ☿. A good year, improvement of position, social and financial benefits and much pleasure and happiness. A child born on this day will gain through others, be clever, original and inventive, and make a name for himself.

14. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♓, ☌ ☌ ♃. A doubtful year, heavy financial losses, danger of litigation, but some benefits and success. A child born on this day will have many losses through disputes and litigation, and should act carefully in all dealings with others.

15. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♈, □ ♅, □ ♀, ☌ ♄. An evil anniversary, danger of losses, indisposition and bereavement. A child born on this day will have a hard struggle in life, be very ambitious, but fail to achieve what he sets himself to do.

16. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♈, △ ☉, ♃ ♂ & ☿. A very favourable anniversary, much success, and improvement of position; gain through employers and superiors. A child born on this day will rise in life, and have much success in employment, will gain through friends and superiors.

17. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♉, △ ♅, ✶ ♀. A successful year, social and financial gain; engagement or marriage for single ladies. A child born on this day will rise rapidly in life, have much success in his undertakings, and will come to a very successful environment.

18. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉, □ ☉, ♃ ♂ ☿, ✶ ♆. An evil birthday, much loss and trouble for all people, young or old. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, be often in trouble and difficulties, and should always remain in employ.

19. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ♄, ♀ ☌ ♅. Not a good birthday for young ladies. Benefits to young people and elders. Promotion and success in employ. A child born on this day will be of good judgment, gain through elderly people and employers, but should be careful in dealings with the other sex.

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20. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, ☉ ☌ ☿. A successful year for business and general prospects. A child born on this day will be clever and energetic and will gain in business.

21. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♊, ✶ ☉, ♃ ♂ & ☿. A successful year, much prosperity, gain in employment and promotion. Some slight danger of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be energetic, sharp and acute, will rise in life, through perseverance and enterprise, and make a name for himself.

22. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♀, ♆. □ ♄, ☍ ♅ ☉, ☌ ♂. An evil anniversary, danger of ill health, bereavement, and accident; disputes should be avoided and great care taken in dealings with others: it is one of the most evil days of the year. A child born on this day will be rash, hasty, impulsive, and will always be in trouble and disputes. He will have many dangers to contend with.

23. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♋. An evil birthday for single ladies. A child born on this day should be guarded in dealings with the other sex, from whom danger is shown.

24. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, △ ♄. A favourable year, gain in business and employment, success through elderly people. A child born on this day will be successful in the employ of others and should rise in life thereby.

25. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌. A favourable birthday for the fair sex, offers of marriage may be received. A child born on this day will be socially and financially successful, and will gain through the other sex.

26. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♌, ☌ ☉, ☌ ♃. An evil anniversary, danger of financial losses, litigation, and of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be rash and impulsive, reckless with money, and liable to many losses and troubles.

27. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, △ ♅, ☌ ☿. A successful anniversary, many benefits, financial gain, also in employment. Some danger of disputes and indisposition. A child born on this day will be successful, so long as he avoids speculations and recklessness in money matters. He will gain best in employment.

28. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ♆, ✶ ♀. A good year, success in business and employment, gain through friends and the other sex. A child born on this day will be musically inclined, fond of the other sex, and very clever and intelligent.

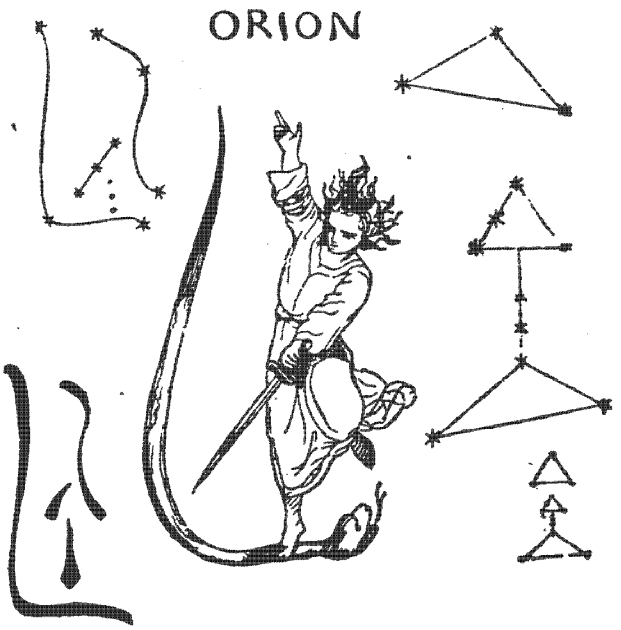
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30. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, □ ♅, □ ♆. An unpleasant year, many changes and alterations, worry and annoyance. A child born on this day will be wayward and erratic, careless and hasty; he will never make much success in life.

31. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♎, ✶ ☌, □ ♀. A good year for social and financial matters, some trouble through the other sex, but improvement in affairs. A child born on this day will be fairly successful, will gain through friends and employers, but should be careful in dealings with the other sex.

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Astrology and its Exponents.

XI.—Religious Objections.

THE chief religious objection to the science of astrology is that it favours fatality. It has already been stated, however, that the first maxim of the astrologer is that "the planets influence but do not compel." The same writer also says, "It is the defect of not sufficiently considering the opposing influences, which has naturally induced an opinion that all future events are entirely unalterable and inevitable." The astrologer contends that all events are brought about by the will of Providence, which is carried into effect by means of a combination of causes, amongst which the most obvious is that of planetary influence. But "there are other concomitant causes neither trifling nor unimportant." And only by proper consideration of all the acting causes can a judgment be formed of all the effects.

Upon this objection of fatality in astral science, Raphael in his Almanac for 1854, makes the following very appropriate remarks:—

"In nature everything is connected by one universal bond; every effect has its cause. Man is called into existence, endowed with a certain organisation, and surrounded by a variety of circumstances from the moment of his birth; so far an inevitable fatality exists, he has not the power of causing any other result. To this extent he is a predestined being; he cannot say that he will be rich or poor, master or servant, prevent sickness or command health, that he will be a fool or a man of genius. He is compelled to acknowledge that a most powerful and positive influence is exercised over him. But as soon as his organisation produces activity of imagination, or a state of moral feeling, this fatality, this overruling power, appears to a certain extent to cease; by observation, motives are created, the determination of will commences, and his judgment is formed by necessary laws of thought in accordance with those motives; so far he is a free agent. It is nevertheless a fact, that some amount of uncontrollable necessity still exists, as may be seen even in the formation of that judgment which is independent of the will. No one can have a contrary belief to that which he feels to exist of his mind irresistibly; no man can conceive to be false which he knows to be true, and vice versa, no man can doubt that of which he is certain; and so on in all the various relations of thought, and in all the important events in life, he is ruled by destiny; at one time confined to the narrowest limits of existence, at another raised to the highest pinnacles of greatness and power. Nevertheless he has moral liberty; he has free will; his feelings depend on his own peculiar nature, but they may be expanded or modified by cultivation; the mental attributes depend on his organisation, but they may be enlarged by careful instruction; he finds himself surrounded by dangers and troubles, but he has within himself the energy and power to combat them; he knows that it is the inherent principle of fire to burn and consume, but he does not for an instant believe that he could view with calmness the perpetration of a murder without attempting to arrest the criminal intention; no one will coolly await impending destruction without an effort to escape; therefore man is a free agent. The Divine Disposer of events has beautifully ordered that a diversity of power shall exist in all His works; that diversity demonstrates itself in man by a variety in his organisation and intellectual development. The laws of nature are unchangeable; so far, man is ruled by destiny, but consequences arise by the dispensations of providence from those laws, and in respect of these consequences man is a free agent, who by a foreknowledge of the general tendencies of nature as regards himself, may augment the beneficial or avert the evil results."

To predict an earthquake, an eclipse, or the illness of an individual is not an act founded in a belief in fatalism. The providence of God is not thereby interfered with. The impiety therefore does not consist in such interference. But it is asserted that the act of knowing the future is the privilege of the diety, and that it ought not to be attempted by mortals. This, however, is presuming astrology to be delusive; because if men have the power to predict the happening of future events by means of the stars, this privilege is not confined to the deity.

We can therefore see that the principles of astrology admit a natural freedom of action of man; but that some men have a natural propensity to good and others have a natural propensity to evil, both of which propensities occasionally affect every man. This is the basis of the doctrines of astrology and which was plainly explained by the great Founder of our Faith, in these words. "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

The Bible frequently refers to astrology and in no place do we find its practice forbidden. The Apostle Paul, in his celebrated speech on Mars' hill, said, "As certain also of your own poets have said, For we also are his offspring." These latter words were taken from the Phenomena of Aratus. Now Aratus was a Greek poet of Cilicia about 277 B.C., and the Phenomena was a poem teaching astrology, and it was translated into Latin verse by Cicero and others. It was the text book of Astral science until the Tetrabiblos of Ptolemy appeared four hundred years after.

The editor of a once well known paper wrote as follows:—

"The study of astrology is not prejudical to religion. It is full of most sublime, religious ideas, and its principle is accepted, at least, if not borrowed by the first and greatest of all religions. This prophecy accepts the basis of astrological direction when it substitutes a day for a year, as 1260 days

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for 1260 years. All interpreters of prophecy proceed upon this principle, and this is the very basis of astrology itself, without which it could have no existence. Here, therefore, prophecy and astrology agree in principle, the scriptures say nothing against astrology. They rebuke astrologers and laugh at their pretensions; but they do the same with priests, magistrates, and all other wiseacres and rulers amongst men. . . . . All that we affirm is, that though there be many severe thrusts levelled at astrologers, there is not one that is definitely pointed at astrology, and there is nothing whatever in astrology that contradicts any one of the doctrines of the Christian religion. Milton, the poet believed in it; Bishop Hall believed in it; Melancthon, the protestant reformer and helpmate of Luther believed in it; Sir Matthew Hale, an eminently religious English judge, besides Lord Bacon, Archbishop Usher, and other eminent Christians, believed in it. With such great names to guarantee the purity of its principles, no man need have any religious fear of studying it."

Yet men of the present day, pigmy minds compared with these great men, sneer at the science, and the handiwork of God so clearly shown within it, and try to measure the Infinite with the two-foot rule of their own ignorance and incompetence

Our concluding article of this series will be on the laws which are supposed to prohibit the practice of astrology.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,

The last bye-election at Dundee, 9th May, gave me an opportunity of testing the Delphian Oracle as given by Mr. Eyre in OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER for February.

The full names of the four candidates contesting the seat were :—

George Washington Baxter ...	Conservative
Edwin Scrymgeour	Prohibitionist
George Harold Stuart	Labour
Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill	Liberal.

Now, according to the method laid down by Mr. Eyre, it gave

Mr. Churchill	the number	17	which is unlucky
Mr. Stuart	,,	18	,, fortunate
Mr. Baxter	,,	9	,, fortunate
Mr. Scrymgeour	,,	4	,, unlucky.

Now, everybody will remember it was Churchill who got in. In experimenting with the numbers, I find that, in this case at any rate, instead of using the number value of Saturday 27, as given, by substituting the total of the digits for Saturday, which is 22, we get the following correct result :

Mr. Churchill	12	fortunate
Mr. Baxter	18	unlucky
Mr. Stuart	13	unlucky
Mr. Scrymgeour	26	unlucky.

Herewith I append the working :

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill =	123
Dundee ... ... =	29
Saturday ... ... =	22
Mars ... ... =	81
	27)255(9
	243
Fortunate	12

George Washington Baxter ... =	88
Dundee ... ... =	29
Saturday ... ... =	22
Mars ... ... =	81
	27)220(8
	216
Unlucky	4

George Harold Stuart ... ... =	70
Dundee ... ... =	29
Saturday ... ... =	22
Mars ... ... =	81
	27)202(7
	189
Unlucky	13

Edwin Scrymgeour ... ... =	56
Dundee ... ... =	29
Saturday ... ... =	22
Mars ... ... =	81
	27)188(6
	162
Unlucky	26

Yours truly,

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Mr. S. John Elliott, of 76, Everton Road, Brocco Bank, Sheffield, writes: "If the lady who simply gives the Initials M. S., widow, will also favour me with her name and address where I may send her horoscope, the same shall be duly sent."

A Slip of the Clerical Tongue.

Some amusement has been occasioned by newspaper reports of a sermon recently preached by a noted clergyman. He was appealing to the people to repose in their pastors the same degree of trust with which they followed the advice of their lawyers and their doctors. "If," he is reported to have said, "you get a prescription from your doctor, you take the medicine trustfully." Then he paraphrased Tennyson's noble lines thus:

"Yours not to reason why,
Yours but to do and die."

We are quite sure that the good man did not realise what an interpretation his words might bear.—*New York Medical Journal.*

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The Future Husband or Wife.

An Easy Geomantic Method.

OLD MOORE, anxious to cater for the amusement of his readers, presents the following curious system for ascertaining the description of a person's future partner in life.

In the first place, draw at random sixteen rows of strokes in the following order, take care not to count the points as they are made :

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HHHHI *  HHHHII **  HHHHI *  HHHHI *
HHHII **  HHHHI *  HHHII **  HHHI *
HHHII **  HHHHI *  HHHI *  HHHHI *
HHHHI *  HHHHHI *  HHHI *  HHHHI *
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This being done, join each *two* points together, and if an odd number be left place one dot, if an even number two dots, and we shall obtain the first four of the following figures :—

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
*	**	**	*	*	*	**	*
*	*	*	**	*	**	*	**
*	*	**	*	*	*	*	**
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th are derived from the first four, by taking the top row, 1, 2, 1, 1, for the 5th figure; the second row for the 6th, and so on.

Observe what figure is placed as number seven, which will point out, by a reference to the following table, the description of the future wife or husband.

* / ** / ** / * Represents one of a middle stature, full face and eyes, fair complexion, and light hair; modest, and of a good disposition and temper.

* / ** / * / ** A mean stature, fleshy body, large head and shoulders, small eyes, pretty mouth, and a broad forehead; of a gay and lively turn.

** / ** / ** / ** A handsome stature, large body, broad breast, a comely complexion; fickle mind, being fond of changes, travelling and romancing.

* / ** / * / * Tending to tallness, long neck, full face, great head, little mouth, and broad shoulders; full eyes, sanguine complexion, and brown hair.

* / * / ** / * A short stature, neck long, head small, and body thick, a sharp look, hot temper; one who loves quarrelling and fighting.

* / * / * / * A tall person, long neck, large face and head, slender body, swarthy complexion, and of a mild disposition.

** / * / * / ** A long face and dark complexion, large nose, slender body and legs, a crafty person, apt to flatter, having a great flow of speech, and is merry in company.

* / ** / ** / * A thick and heavy made person, pale complexion, short arms; one subtle and reserved.

** / * / * / * One of a middle stature, full face, long or great nose, a wide mouth, much hair on head, upright body, a little gross, good complexion and behaviour.

** / ** / * / * Middle stature, tight body, full face and eyes, sanguine complexion, lofty mind, in actions honest and just.

* / * / ** / ** Middle stature, large face, great hands, lofty and proud, grey eyes, one delighting to be in authority or place of honour.

* / ** / ** / ** A comely body, indifferently tall, a round face, eyes somewhat large and dark, sanguine complexion, modest, and honest in actions.

** / ** / ** / * Tall stature, long face, a cloudy complexion, lowering look; envious and malicious.

** / ** / * / ** Above the middle stature, a white complexion, large head, clear eyes, a compact body; good understanding, a lover of honest dealings, lively and merry disposition.

** / * / ** / ** A mean stature, high coloured, fat, sharp look, strong voice, red hair, broad face; hasty temper, yet is a coward and a scoffer, having a dangerous tongue.

* / * / * / ** A mean stature, full face, little head, swarthy complexion, and lowering look; one proud, and given to all kinds of immorality and vice.

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The New Moon.

The lunation governing the month falls on August 26th at one minute to eleven at night. The lunation falls not far from the cusp of the fifth house, conjoined with Mars and Mercury. This does not augur well for the public health, Mercury being ruler of the ascendant and Mars of the sixth house, and an epidemic of choleraic diarrhœa is to be feared. Frauds on the revenue, and a heavy depreciation of the Exchequer is to be feared. Accidents will occur on railways, and motor traffic. The weather will be fine and warm, and the harvest should be a good one. The affliction of Venus points to much immorality in the land, crimes against women and children, and an increase of illegitimacy. Accidents are threatened in the navy. Foreign affairs will tend to be more settled, though the closeness of Jupiter to Mars is not reassuring. There will be many sudden and strange deaths, suicides, and deaths by drowning and poison. The position of Saturn in the eleventh house is evil for the government, and there is slight danger of defeat and resignation. The affliction of Venus ruling the twelfth house, is bad for hospitals and institutions, and there will be an increase of crime, and an exposure of fraud and swindling in some institution.

United States.

At Washington, the lunation falls in the seventh house, which is not good for the peace of the States, and disputes with other powers are to be feared. Jupiter, however, is in the seventh house, and this should preserve peace. Saturn in the second is bad for the Revenue, and losses and depreciation of some trust securities is threatened. There will be a good deal of illness in the States and many suicides. At San Francisco, the lunation falls close to the cusp of the ninth house, showing religious disputes, danger to shipping, and heavy storms on the Pacific coasts. Railway accidents are also to be feared. Divorces will be plentiful, and many sordid tales of marital discord will be heard of.

Capetown.

At Capetown, the lunation falls on the cusp of the fourth house, showing danger of troubles to agriculturalists, dissatisfaction among the people, and much unrest. Railways will prosper, but there will be much fraud and swindling in connection with the revenue. Saturn in the eleventh is evil for the ministry, and grave troubles will have to be faced by the Cape Parliament.

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India.

At Calcutta, Jupiter will be rising, which is favourable for the prosperity of the country, albeit as the luminaries and Mars will be just below the ascendant, some discord and incendiarism may be manifest. There will be many deaths among notable people.

Japan.

At Tokio, Libra rises and Saturn is in the seventh, pointing to danger of disputes with other powers. There will be a good deal of petty crime rampant, while scandals will occur in high life.

Europe.

At Berlin, Mars will be on the nadir, warning the authorities to be on guard against fires and incendiarism. Danger of army disloyalty is also shown. There will be disputes and trouble in the Reichstag, and the probability of an election. Russian railways will benefit. Some important personages in the Russian Empire will be in danger of disgrace. At Constantinople much trouble is threatened. Venus and Neptune are rising in Cancer in opposition to Uranus setting, while the lunation falls in Virgo, the ruling sign of Turkey, conjoined with Mars. A serious railway accident is threatened, much crime and immorality and danger of troubles with other powers, while at home the whole country is seething with desire for reforms on western lines of progress.

General.

Italy, towns and places under Leo will benefit. Fires and troubles will be experienced in Paris and places under Virgo. Indian and South African affairs will also suffer. Saturn culminates in 49 E., warning rulers and leading men to be on guard against disgrace and imprisonment.

The Stock Exchange.

AMERICAN RAILS.—I think from every sign and from special information from America, that nothing will move up better than American Rails, especially the solid heavy lines, also the Harriman interests. Baltimore and Ohio I look upon as the best and safest investment for a good rise. Traffics will soon compare with the bad times of a year ago, and then every increase will cause a leap.

HOME RAILS.—Get rid of; save some of your money; very bad times ahead.

SOUTH AFRICANS.—These will take their turn after the Yankee boom—not till December—then things will be lively.

Astronomical Phenomena

FOR SEPTEMBER 1908.

The Moon's Phases.

First Quarter,	3rd	...	8h. 51m. aft.
Full Moon,	10th	...	0h. 23m. aft.
Last Quarter,	17th	...	10h. 33m. morn.
New Moon	25th	...	2h. 59m. aft.

Planetary Positions.

The SUN in the sign Virgo until the 23rd. Enters Libra at 10.59 a.m. on that day.

MERCURY an evening star all the month; enters Libra on 7th and Scorpio on 28th.

VENUS a morning star in Cancer, enters Leo on the 8th.

MARS and JUPITER too close to the Sun for observation. The former is in Virgo all the month; the latter enters Virgo on 12th.

SATURN an evening star in Aries, in opposition to the Sun on the 30th.

URANUS and NEPTUNE are in Capricorn and Cancer respectively; the former visible in the South East after Sunset.

For the Moon's position see "Birthday Influences during September," page 237.

The Weather.

The month opens with changeable weather, some wind and downfall, variable to 13th. Some cold snaps about the equinox with gales and downfall at the close.

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The Puzzled Dutchman.

I'm a broken-hearted Deutscher,
Vots villed mit crief und shame,
I dells you vot der drouble ish—
I doesn't know my name.

You dinks it ferry funny, eh?
Ven you der story hear,
You will not wonder den so mooch,
It was so shtrange und queer.

Mein mudder had dwo liddle dwins—
Dey vas me und mein brudder;
Ve lookt so very mooch alike
No von knew vich from toder.

Von of der poys was Yawcup,
Und Hans der oder's name;
But den it made no different—
Ve both got called der same.

Vell, von of us got tead—
Yaw, Mynheer, dat is so;
But vedder Hans or Yawcup,
Mein mudder she don't know.

Und so I am in droubles;
I gan't git droo mein hed
Vedder I'm Hans vot's living,
Or Yawcup vot is tead.

Charles F. Adams.

The boy had been sitting for three hours watching a bob on his fish-line, when the man came along.

"What are you doing there?" said the man.

"Fishin'," said the boy.

"Got anything?" said the man.

"Yes," said the boy.

"What?" asked the man.

"Patience," said the boy; and the man offered him £1 a week to come down to the railway ticket-office and answer questions

Begging letters are the daily terror of the rich man's existence. Mark Twain merrily hit off one of these and sent it to Andrew Carnegie: "My Dear Carnegie, I see by the papers that you are prosperous. I want to get a hymn book; it costs six shillings. If you will send me this hymn book I will bless you, you will always be blessed, and it will do you a lot of good —Yours truly, MARK TWAIN. P.S.—Don't send me the hymn book; send the six shillings."

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Curiosities of Sleep.

IN considering the phenomena of sleep, the first subject of inquiry that presents itself is, "In what does the state of sleep differ from that of waking? In what does sleep essentially consist?"

The most obvious difference between the waking and sleeping state is the suspension of voluntary power, not only of that habitually exercised over the muscles, but also of that exercised over the trains of thought in the mind. The power of sensation, though weakened, is not wholly suspended; for unusual impressions on the senses are felt, and instinctive movements of the limbs, consequent on constrained posture or other causes, takes place. But the power of receiving external impressions gradually diminishes as sleep deepens, and the mind loses the power of arresting and detaining the sensations conveyed from without. Meanwhile, the organic or vital functions go on without interruption. The circulation of the blood and other fluids steadily proceeds; respiration is regular; and the functions of digestion and assimilation are even promoted by sleep. The mental acts are either suspended or leave no trace on the memory; yet, in dreaming there is an exception to this general statement. The condition of the mind in dreaming is, however, distinguished by two circumstances; that the succession of thought (though modified by external sensation) is not regulated by the will, and that the images which pass upon the mind are considered as realities.

Such are the phenomena of sleep. As to the causes of them, there has been much controversy among physiologists; but every one can admire the beneficient arrangement of the Creator, by which the mind and body, exhausted by thought or toil, are refreshed and reinvigorated.

There is much yet unexplained and mysterious about the phenomena of sleep, and to those who wish to speculate on the subject, the following facts relating to dreaming and somnambulism may be interesting.

Whispering in the ears of a person asleep will sometimes produce curious effects. An officer in the expedition to Louisburgh, in 1758, was often practised upon by his companions. After the army had landed, he was one day found asleep in his tent. The cannonading plainly disturbed him, and he was made to believe that he was engaged. He expressed great fear, and was evidently disposed to run away. He was then remonstrated with; but at the same time the groans of the wounded and dying were simulated, and on his frequent inquiries after those who were down, the names of particular friends were mentioned. At length he was told that the man next to himself had fallen, when he instantly darted from his bed and out of the tent, and was awakened by falling over the tent ropes.

A gentleman dreamt that he had enlisted as a soldier, joined his regiment, and deserted. He was captured, taken back, tried, sentenced to be shot, and led out for execution. Preparations were made, and a gun was fired. He then awoke, and found that a noise in an adjacent room had both caused his dream and aroused him from it.

Dr. James Gregory dreamt of ascending the crater of Mount Etna, and of feeling the warmth of the ground under him, when he had gone to sleep with a vessel of hot water at his feet. He had ascended Mount Vesuvius, where he felt this sensation of warmth whilst mounting up the side of the crater. He also dreamt of wintering at Hudson's Bay, and of suffering acutely from the cold. On awaking he found that a portion of his bed-clothes were off. A few days before, he had been perusing an account of the condition during winter of that country of which he had dreamt.

A gentleman and his wife during a period of great excitement both dreamt at the same time of the expected French invasion. In the morning it was found that a pair of tongs had fallen in the room above, and the noise made by this accident was believed to have caused these concurrent dreams. Dr. Reid states that when the dressing of a blister on his head had become ruffled so as to cause considerable discomfort, he dreamt that he fell into the hands of savages, who scalped him. A patient in the Edinburgh Infirmary talked a great deal when asleep, making frequent and very distinct references to patients who had been in the ward two years ago, at which period she herself had been there. Her allusions had no reference to those cases which were then in the ward. A gentleman who had been chased by a bull forty-five years before the period to which our statement refers, had almost invariably dreamt of his perilous adventure ever since it occurred, whenever he had eaten much supper, or anything indigestible.

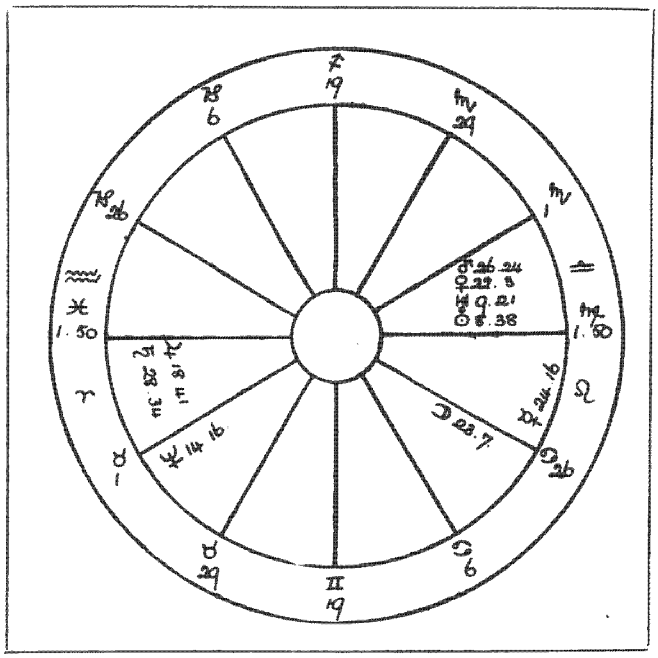
A gentleman connected with a bank in Glasgow was paying money at the teller's table, when a payment of six pounds was demanded. The person who made this demand was impatient, and somewhat noisy, and, although his turn had not arrived, a gentleman requested that he might be paid and got rid of. Eight or nine months after, a deficiency of six pounds was discovered in the accounts of the bank. Several days and nights were vainly consumed in efforts to discover this error, and the gentleman who had made the payment just mentioned, went home greatly fatigued. He then dreamt of the whole transaction with the impatient client, whose conduct had annoyed him at the moment, and awoke with the belief that this dream would bring about an extrication from the difficulty in the bank accounts. On examination, he found that this sum of six pounds had not been entered in the book of interests, and thus the deficiency was accounted for. Dr. Abercrumbie, to whom we are indebted for this, and many other of our facts, considers this case "exceedingly remarkable."

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Horoscopes of the Principal Rulers.

XII.—Queen of Holland.

WE append this month the horoscope of the Queen of Holland, who was born at 6.30 p.m. on August 31st, 1880. The Queen is a very kind and hospitable ruler, with the interests of her subjects at heart, having deep feelings, and very receptive to what is going on around. In character she is very discriminative and practical, cautious and diplomatic, active and businesslike, and quite alive to her own interests. There is a strong democratic spirit in her nature. The Sun's conjunction with Uranus will give her a unique individuality, independence, intuition, originality and keen perception, though with some wayward and erratic tendencies. The tragic episode in the young Queen's life is that none of her children have survived their births. Three successive times has she given premature birth, and it has been a source of grief to her, as well as to her people who are devoted to their Queen. This is accounted for by the fact that the Moon, ruler of the fifth house, is in square to Saturn and Jupiter, and semi-square to Uranus and the Sun. Still, as this planet is in sextile to Venus and Mars, there are hopes that ere long a heir to the throne will be born, and that he will survive. Such an event is probable in about three years time. The planets in the seventh house, do not altogether favour much success in the marriage life, and in addition are likely to bring some heavy international troubles, and her country would probably suffer great injury in the event of a European war. She came to the throne on the death of her father, on 23rd November, 1890. At this time the following directions were operating. Sun trine M.C. Moon square Sun, square Uranus. By converse direction we find M.C. square Sun and Uranus, Sun trine Saturn, Venus conjunction Sun. Her directions at the present time are not favourable, Venus being in opposition to Saturn, and Mars to Jupiter, in fact there appears to be a continuation of bad influences for some long time. The Sun is in parallel with Jupiter in 1914, but Mercury is then square to the Moon. This is followed by the Sun's opposition to Jupiter and Saturn, Mars to the semi-square of the Sun, and the square of the Moon, while the Sun and Mars will be slowly approaching a conjunction. There are a number of other influences both good and evil, but the outlook generally is by no means favourable, and great troubles may be looked for. Our sympathy is with the Queen in her misfortunes.



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The Practical Uses of Astrology.

XII.—What is Astrology?

OUR last paper on the subject of the practical uses of astrology, is, "What is Astrology." There are several definitions given. We will not concern ourselves with the jargon of the dictionaries, which usually put it down as the supposed science of predicting future events, but take the definitions of those who are supposed to know and understand the subject.

In the introduction to the Brihat Jataka we find the following: "Horoscopy or astrology is stated to be the science of Ahoratri or the science of day and night. . . . . The first letter A and the last 'tri' having been dropped, the term has assumed the shape of hora, and the author says that hora shastra treats of the effects of the good and bad deeds of an individual in his previous birth; so that the moment a person is born, it becomes his lot to enjoy and suffer certain pleasures and pains for his past good and bad deeds—seeds cast into the cosmic region in one birth begin to bear sweet and sour fruits in another birth according to their quality."

Among other definitions we find the following. "The law governing the Solar system," "The science of prediction," "The language of the stars," "The law of cause and effect," and numerous others, but all of which are too indefinite and too incoherent to be understood, and only tend to confuse and confound the mind.

Astrology properly understood has a sevenfold aspect, an esoteric, a scientific, moral, physical, mental, religious and advisory, and only by an understanding of each of these different aspects of the science can we readily understand what astrology really is. We will take each, and then summarise the whole.

The esoteric aspect of the science is one which is little understood and only by those who have added occult knowledge to their skill in astrology. It deals with the hidden part of the science, the why and the wherefore. Where the scientific aspect will give a long explanation of a matter, what happens under certain aspects, or what occurs under this influence, the esoteric will go beneath the surface and explain how it does this, and why such influences should produce this or cause that. In this aspect of the science, there is little if any at all that appeals to the scientific mind.

But the scientific or exoteric aspect is different. The rules for calculating and judging the various matters connected with the elementary parts of the science, what the planets and signs rule and govern in the life, or the world at large, all these come under this aspect. Books can be had which give all this and it does not require a very skilful understanding to digest all the information which is supplied.

The moral, physical, mental and religious aspects are different from the two foregoing. They depend upon the use which each one of us puts the science to. The mere use of the science for personal gain and benefit, without taking into account the benefit a knowledge of its principle will be in the uplifting of the mind and character is an abuse of the moral aspect. In this respect I mean that astrology should be the means of improving our lives and characters, eliminating that which is evil, and improving and beautifying the higher parts of our natures. In the physical aspect it shows us the care of ourselves, how to live in harmony with physical and natural laws, how to keep healthy and when in ill-health how to effect radical cures, and in another sense how to prevent illness. In the mental aspect we can show how the mind can be improved and strengthened by studies and occupations which are in conformity with each individual horoscope. In the religious aspect, to use the words of Dr. Simmonite, "The science . . . . . is the most sublime as to its application, for it leads the benevolent mind from nature up to nature's God; it is the most moral branch, nay, most virtuous or natural or physical philosophy . . . . . Nor is there any knowledge, attained by the light of nature, that gives us juster ideas of this Great Being, or furnishes us with stronger arguments by which to demonstrate His existence and attributes."

In the advisory aspect it has many different applications. It will guide us under difficulties and trials; it will show us how to act when care and caution are necessary to guide our affairs; and what to do, how to do it, and when to do it, in all the various departments of life and circumstances.

Now to sum up all these seven different aspects, which show how the science affects us in many different ways, I ask the simple question, "What is Astrology?" Now the best answer is this. Astrology is, first of all, the laws which govern the electro-magnetic vibrations of the planetary bodies upon humanity and the world at large It shows secondly, how to live in harmony with those laws, mentally, morally, and physically, and so to make use of them that we may perfect ourselves, improve our lives and destinies, that the path of our lives may be smooth and free from difficulties, and in the words of Mr. Justice Blackstone, that we may "pursue our own true and substantial happiness." Last, but not least, it shows us how to make use of these laws at critical moments in our lives, when our happiness, or position are hanging on a slender thread, and when every care is necessary to guide our affairs with circumspection and discretion.

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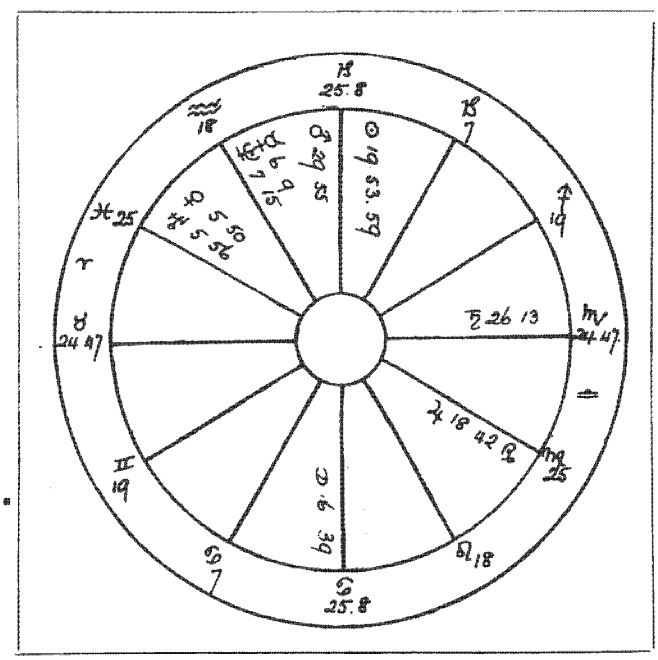
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Example Horoscopes for Students.

No. 12.—Male, born 10th January, 1838, at 0.30 p.m. in Lat. 51. 13 N.,
Father died, 20th November, 1848. Mother died, 16th June, 1880.

THE subject for our study this month is that of a male, whose birth took place at the time named above, and whose parents died at the respective dates given. The figure appended is the horoscope. This, like the last month's case, is one before Greenwich time was noted, and the map is erected for the time given and the planets places calculated for 5 minutes earlier.

It is to be noted that the meridian and descendant angles are afflicted and the Sun and Moon are in opposition, hence the early death of the parents, or at least one of them is clearly shown. The father died on Nov., 20th, 1848 when our subject was 10 years 10 months 10 days old, equal to 10d. 20h. 40m. which added to the birth-date measures to Jan. 21st at 9.5 a.m. The following directions were then operating. ☉ P. ☌ ☍ R. ☽ P. ☌ ♄ P. M.C. ☌ ♅. ☌ ♆. By converse motion we have ♀ P. □ ♄ R. ☽ app. □ ♄ R. & P. The mother's death took place on 16th June, 1880, our subject being then 42 years 5 months 6 days, equal to 42d. 10h. 24m., bringing the date of progress to Feb. 21st 10.49 p.m. At this time the directions operating were ☉ P. ☌ ☍ P. ☽ P. ☌ ☍ R. exact. By converse motion we have the following:—☉ P. □ ♅ R. ☉ P. □ ♀ R.



On the 10th January, 1848, the birthday anniversary previous to the father's death, the Moon was in conjunction with Saturn, while on the progressed birthday in 1880, February 21st, the Sun was □ ☍ ☽ ♅.

Husband: "Er—my dear, there is going to be a very important—er—election at my club to-night, and I may——" Wife: "Very well, I'll wait up to hear the returns." "Um—er—are you interested in the returns?" "Yes, your returns"

A Strange Petitioner.—In the cabinet of natural history belonging to the Imperial Academy of Petersburg, among a number of curiosities is preserved Lisette, a favourite greyhound of Peter the Great. This animal was very fond of her master; she never quitted him but when he went out, and then she laid herself down on his couch. At his return, she testified her fondness by a thousand caresses, and during his afternoon nap lay always at his feet. The following remarkable story, in which Lisette holds so conspicuous a place, is related upon the most unquestionable authority:—A person belonging to the court having excited the anger of the Czar, we know not by what means, was confined in the fort, and there was reason to suppose that he would receive the punishment of the knout on the first market day. The whole court, and the empress herself, thought him innocent, and considered the anger of the Czar as excessive and unjust. Every means was tried to save him, and the first opportunity taken to intercede in his favour; but so far from succeeding, it served only to irritate the emperor the more, who forbade all persons, even the empress, to present any petitions on the subject. However, those who interested themselves in his favour, devised the means of presenting a petition, without incurring the penalty of the prohibition. They composed a short but pathetic petition, in the name of Lisette. This petition was tied to her collar in such a manner as to be easily visible. On the Czar's return Lisette, as usual, came leaping about him, and he perceived the paper. He took and read it. "What!" said he, "Lisette, do you also present me petitions? Well, as it is the first time, I grant your prayer;" and he immediately sent orders to set the prisoner at liberty.

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A True Story of Morocco.

By NORTON F. W. HAZELDINE.

WE wish to call attention to an article, a real classic of its kind, from the pen of Mr. Norton F. W. Hazeldine, entitled "Salam! As-Salam!" (The Peace of Paradise), a true story of Morocco. Mr. Hazeldine is one of the faculty of the "University and Home of Applied Sciences," at East Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Some twenty years ago there was an English firm of general merchants who established themselves at Casa Blanca on the north-west coast of Morocco, in which city the recent disturbances with the Europeans have taken place, and associated with them was a native Jew, by name, Mordica Ben Saudea, who was educated in London for a commercial life, and was their salesman and interpreter.

Tea, sugar, spices and cotton goods formed their chief stock in trade. These they sold to the different native merchants, who in turn shipped the goods to other native merchants, in the interior towns and villages and took in exchange native products which they afterwards sold to the merchants at the ports, in order to liquidate their obligations.

Now, it sometimes happened that however good the intentions of the natives may be, should there be a failure with their crops, or disease among their cattle, the different kaids, in the name of the Sultan, placed an embargo upon what remained; hence the Sultan and his officials never lacked for things to eat, but the poor working people are very often on the verge of starvation, for what with the exorbitant taxes of the government on the one hand and their just debts with the merchants on the other, which have to be met, they can make but an existence.

So it happened that T. & Co. sold their wares, etc., in the ordinary way and then waited for their returns, which returns, however, never came to hand, for the good and sufficient reason that the Kaid (or governor) of certain districts in which this firm had extended business, knew that the natives had money with which they intended to pay for their goods, so they thought it would be a good time to collect taxes, which they did, and in many cases through trumped-up charges, confiscated everything they could place their hands upon. This so financially embarrassed T. & Co. that they decided to close out their business and leave the country.

Now comes the tragic part of my story: Some fifteen miles inland from Casa Blanca dwelt a native family named Mulla Mockta, who incurred the enmity of their Kaid, which Kaid had on several occasions visited Mockta's family and stripped them of everything, and had even gone so far as to threaten the different members with imprisonment because he could not collect more than they possessed. It so happened that T. & Co. became interested, in a business way, with this family of country merchants, and upon the Kaid's hearing that Mulla Mockta was going to Casa Blanca, decided that he would go and hold Mockta up for his taxes before he left for the coast; but Mulla Mockta had decided that there was no safety from his inhuman treatment, and had made up his mind to become a Semsar or a protected man of T. & Co. With this end in view, he left, taking with him money to the value of $600, with which he intended to pay T. & Co. for the privilege of protection, which protection all foreign governments allowed their subjects to have, whereby they made the natives, in a measure, naturalised citizens to whatever government granted the protection papers.

This took the native out of the jurisdiction of the Sultan and also freed him from taxes and arrest, which, however, though it may sound well, was often like jumping from the frying-pan into the fire, as this case goes to prove.

The family of Mulla Mockta, however, got away before his enemy, the Kaid, could catch him, and arriving at the coast hastened to place himself under the protection of T. & Co., and thus placed himself under British protection by paying to this firm the sum of $600, which all foreign governments allow their subjects to collect (and more where possible), with a further agreement to the effect that Mulla Mockta should pay to the said T. & Co. $100 per annum for the continuance of such protection.

Now all this happened about one month before the firm of T. & Co. became embarrassed, and upon their retiring from business, the authorities of Casa Blanca immediately took measures to secure Mulla Mockta and his family, so the firm of T. & Co. had hardly closed up and moved out before the Governor's soldiers were on their way to capture Mockta and his family and then confiscate all their property.

Arriving at Mockta's place they surrounded it and captured all but Mulla himself, who was away in the country on a business trip, and after the soldiers had burned the corrals, etc., and taken possession of all that there was, started with their prisoners back to Casa Blanca, and upon arriving at that city they hoped with the aid of torture, to make their prisoners confess where they had hidden the rest of their wealth.

The rest of this part of my story is soon told: The men, because they had nothing in the way of valuables left to hide, being unable to confess, were killed on the charge of treason to the Sultan, and their wives and children were sold into slavery.

Upon the returning of Mulla Mockta to his home, he found nothing but smouldering ruins, and something told him it was not a good place for him to remain, so he decided that it would be unwise to return to Casa Blanca, and made up his mind to go down to Rabat, which is a town about seventy miles south of Casa Blanca, where he thought he might be safe for a while. He reached that town on the eve of the second day, at prayer time, penniless and heart-broken, but this did not prevent his remorseless

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enemy from following him, for he had already sent two soldiers with instructions to intercept him at Rabat.

Being the custom of his religion, he went into the Souck (or market place) to offer his evening prayer, and while he was offering up his most beautiful prayer for deliverance, the two soldiers came up upon him, but seeing that he was engaged in prayer (being also Mohammedans themselves), would not, therefore, interrupt his devotions, but listened to his fervent and most tragic of prayers to Allah to be taken from earth, which had cast so many sorrows upon him. Lifting his eyes to heaven and standing with his face towards Mecca, he poured forth this beautiful prayer, which he called "Salam! As-Salam":

"Allah! Allah! The burdens of life are heavy,
Too heavy, oh Allah, to bear, and I'm so weary,
Teach me, oh Ar-Rahman (the merciful) the way to die, to die,
In Salam, As-Salam (Peace, the peace of paradise).
I have built for myself a fair Kada (province),
Wherein Salam, As-Salam doth dwell;
It is called by all the Az-Zaboor (the patient);
'Tis the place where the As-Salam dwells.
Then, oh Allah! in Thy mercy! in Thy mercy!
Teach me, oh, Thou Al-Jami'h (the Gatherer),
The way to come unto Thee in Al-Hakk, Al-Hakk (the Truth).
For the bonds of earth are now broken,
Low, I come unto Thee, let the darkness lift,
For since Thou art Al-Ghaffar (the Pardoner) Al-Aziz (the Strong), who will protect me,
Then, oh Al-Musil (the Leader Astray), Thy memory I kiss.
Farewell! Farewell! oh torturous life,
Farewell to all on earth!
Oh, Allah, Ar-Rahman (the merciful), Ar-Raheem (the compassionate), in Thy mercy, in Thy mercy,
Teach unto me the way to Salam! As-Salam!
Allah! Bi-smi 'llah! Allah! Bi-smi 'llah! Allah! Bi-smi 'llah" (say that God is One, Living, Eternal, and besides Him none).

Upon the third repetition of "Allah! Bi-smi 'llah!" he fell forward with his forehead resting upon the ground, as befits a Mohammedan in prayer; he rested thus motionless.

The soldiers waited, patiently, for some time, and noticing that it was becoming dark, decided to arrest him, after they had offered up their own prayers, which, after they had so completed, stepped forward and touched Mockta upon the shoulder, and to their surprise, found that he was dead.

Allah! Ar-Rahman (the merciful), Al-Rabiz (the closer), Malik-ul-Mulki (the King of the Kingdom) had answered his prayer, and had taken him up to Salam! As-Salam!!

Let all people of every nation give praise under Al-Azali (the Eternal of the Past), and to Al-Baki (the Eternal in the Future), for He is An-Noor (the Light), and Al-Hakim (the Judge of All), and Al-Malik (the King of Kings).—*From the Lightbearer.*

Would-be borrower: "Can you advance a loan?"
Wouldn't-be lender: "I can, sir, when I am by myself."

Daily Guide for Business and Pleasure.

1	10 ♏ 25	Deal with superiors; begin new undertakings after 10 a.m.
2	23 6	Doubtful day, attend to correspondence in the morning.
3	6 ♐ 4	An very unfavourable day for all purposes.
4	19 22	Unfavourable day, act carefully, have no dealings with solicitors.
5	3 ♑ 5	Attend to important matters between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
6	17 14	Doubtful day; influences are contradictory; act with discretion.
7	1 ♒ 47	Unfavourable until evening. Deal with elderly people after 8 p.m.
8	16 42	An unimportant day. Attend to general matters.
9	1 ♓ 52	Unfavourable until evening. Then attend to general matters.
10	17 8	An evil day, do not travel, avoid disputes and be careful.
11	2 ♈ 18	Another evil day, act with circumspection.
12	17 12	Doubtful day. Deal with superiors afternoon, but act discreetly.
13	1 ♉ 41	Contradictory day. Attend to important matters before 10 a.m.
14	15 42	Favourable day, travel, remove, ask favours, attend important matters.
15	29 12	Unfavourable day. Do nothing but ordinary duties.
16	12 ♊ 15	Deal with agents, attend to correspondence before 4 p.m.
17	24 52	Unfavourable day, avoid superiors and keep quiet.
18	7 ♋ 10	Another unfavourable day. Act carefully.
19	19 14	Doubtful day. Attend to nothing important. Sign no papers.
20	1 ♌ 9	Unimportant day. Do nothing except ordinary duties.
21	12 58	A very good day for pleasure and enjoyment.
22	24 47	Attend to social matters and pleasure parties in the evening.
23	6 ♍ 39	Good day for business, social and financial affairs.
24	18 35	Dangerous day. Do not travel; safeguard the health.
25	0 ♎ 37	Very doubtful day. Do nothing important.
26	12 47	An very unfavourable day for all purposes.
27	25 6	Attend to correspondence in the evening, evil for all else.
28	7 ♏ 33	Attend to social and financial affairs afternoon, travel in the evening.
29	20 10	Doubtful day. Do nothing till evening, then attend to urgent matters.
30	2 ♐ 59	Do nothing until evening. Then deal with superiors and elders.

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Postage Stamp Philanthropists.

POSTAGE-STAMPS may be considered a ready-money paper currency. By their means the humbler classes convey small, but acceptable, pecuniary assistance to relatives dwelling at a distance. Those apparently mythical, but absolutely real, personages who send "conscience-money"—odds of unpaid income-tax, and the like—to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, avail themselves of the crisp, perforated, neatly-folding King's heads. Advertisers use them largely; and, as no bullet was ever yet cast that would not shoot friends as well as foes, fraudulent persons, of various descriptions, find them the most ready and convertible medium wherein to receive payment of drafts drawn on the never-failing bank of public credulity.

There are many excellent persons, in various strata of society, who, from circumstances—want of knowledge of the world, absence of friends to advise with, and the necessity of means to sustain the position to which they have been accustomed—are the peculiar victims angled for by postage stamp philanthropists. These predatory gentry, often as they have been exposed, and their victims warned, must find their pursuit profitable. Advertisements cost money, they are not to be obtained on credit, and unless their widely-circulated sham philanthropy brought grist to their mill they would not continue to advertise. Their announcements are carefully worded, the net is skilfully spread, the trap baited with the most solid and savoury-looking cheese; and though, every day, many unfortunate dupes sow postage stamps only to reap disappointment, it may not be without interest to disclose the tricks and frauds practiced daily on a too-believing section of society.

In the following advertisements the names and addresses only are fictitious:

LEISURE HOURS.—Employment can be given by applying to ———, who has invented a new branch of one of the most lucrative businesses of the day, etc. Ladies and gentlemen of all ages and classes, in town or country, who have a few leisure hours to spare, and wishing to turn them to profit, are enabled to earn from £3 to £6 a week, and can do so easily, as it requires no previous knowledge, and can be learnt in a few easy lessons with certain success. Apply by letter only, enclosing a stamped envelope and six stamps to ———, etc., who guarantees full employment, etc.

From £3 to £6 per week! a craft requiring no previous knowledge! to be learnt in a few easy lessons with certain success, and a guarantee for full employment! The possession of the cap of Fortunatus is realised! How many impoverished widows, consumptive clerks, and young ladies whose most sanguine hope is to be doomed to "governessing," do we not know to whom £6 a week would be a real fortune!—£24 a month, £300 a year; better diet, a more cheerful home, comfortable clothing, outstanding bills paid, and all by the employment of a few spare hours and the spending of the absurdly, the ridiculously small sum of sevenpence.

The sevenpence sent, the remitter receives by return of post a small printed paper, in which the Philanthropist sends his compliments and informs you that his advertisement "has reference to an invention for illuminating glass, suitable as a substitute for stained glass windows. The invention is also applicable to every sort of glass transparencies, such as street lamps, shop fronts, illuminated tablets, such as 'Coffee,' 'Tobacco,' 'Ices.'" In short, the whole magnificent invention sinks into writing tickets and placards for shops.

Further on, ——— informs the postage stamp remitter, that he will send a book of instructions for 18 stamps, and that the fee for the course of instructions is 10s. 6d. Thus pence continue to be extracted from the anxious and inexhaustible dupe; and at last, when he has written tickets in all the colours of the rainbow, he is informed that his work is "not satisfactory."

The poor disposed of, the superstitious are appealed to. Young women of all stations, fond of telling their own fortunes by the cards, by tea-leaves, cakes with rings concealed in them; or of trying for a sight of their future husbands by weaving spells before they go to bed, that they may dream of him, and the spectre of the happy man appear to offer them drink, are fished for after the following fashion:

YOUR DESTINY! THE FUTURE FORETOLD!—Any person wishing to have their future life revealed to them correctly should send their age, sex, and eighteen postage stamps (by letter only), to Mr. Shark, etc.

After going through the initiatory ceremony, we received the following vague and unsatisfactory revelation, written in large hand by someone totally ignorant of the first principles of Astrology.

"The stars ruleth mankind, but God ruleth the stars."

"I have carefully studied your destiny, and I find that you were born under the planet Herschel, and that you have already suffered some disappointments." [A somewhat general and ordinary remark, after a careful survey of the planetary influences.] "The future will bring to you events of considerable interest" [Not unlikely, but there need not be astrologers to tell us that]; "and many important changes are about to take place, and you will not always remain in your present position." [Probable, but not startling.] "You will shortly receive a present from a dark man, rich and handsome, who is now travelling over water from a distant country, it will ripen into affection" [*it* will—*what* will ripen into affection? the present, the dark man, the rich and handsome, the water, or the distant country?]; "and he will become your future husband, and have a numerous family, and be happy, and you will be better off than any of your family in position and rank."

It is these ignorant fellows that bring astrology into contempt, and we would warn our readers that a proper horoscope entails much careful working, and should be properly paid for, then good and honest work will be given. Readers cannot do better than patronise the well-known Astrologers advertising in our pages.

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Why Woman Loves Man.

THE *Sydney Bulletin* has been holding a competition, inviting its women readers to solve the problem "Why Woman loves Man."

"We might have expected," says an editorial note, "to find the theory popularised by Bernard Shaw that woman is the pursuer, man the fated pursued; woman the tireless huntress, man the feeble prey; man the tram, woman the passenger who catches it; man the fly, woman the spider.

"But there are no spiders in these poems. For women in love could hardly be expected to see in love only the most powerful instinct in nature using her merely as an instrument to effect its imperative ends, lending her her beauty simply as a means to a necessary end, arming her with charm solely in order to render inevitable the capture of her and Nature's victim."

The author of the winning poem prefaces it with some pregnant remarks:

"Woman does not write about her love for him as a rule. Man treats art as a form of autobiography—and as he is never very deeply "in" love, and doesn't take it seriously, he is able to write about it.

"From observation I have noticed that man loves more foolishly, more madly, and less shyly than woman. It doesn't represent a holy of holies to him. It means—and he is quite conscious—the call of sex.

"A woman-poet views love differently. She is shy, shamefaced, and delicate; and the finest among her (possibly with a wise instinct) invariably hides its depths even from "him." In which she is perhaps an unconscious disciple of nature who quietly cautions always, "Let man be the hunter—let him ever fear the escape of the prey." It is the hunter who makes the lover, and it is marriage which makes the husband.

"Now to write of an ideal love! Well, that is a different matter!"

The Prize Poem.

Why do I love you? Weigh softly the starshine!
Why do I love you? Count blossoms in spring!
Find me the make-up of summer's gold sunshine!
Or why frail humanity worships a king!
Why are you man, and all things that I, girl, am not?
Why are you maddeningly stupid, and big?
Why are you brave at the sight of a mouse? (I am not!)
Why do I love you?—I don't care a fig!

Why do I love the dear, ugly, cropped head of you,
Profile so stern, and skin burnt with the sun?
Great clumsy hands, and ah! deep loving eyes of you?
Why do I smile at the thought that I've won?
Why do I tremble and pale at the touch of you?
Why do I heed every word that you say?
Because you are honest, and truth's in the soul of you,
Bigger and broader than me any day!

Why do I laugh at the ghosts of the light-time,
When in your arms I contentedly lie?
Why do I shudder and tremble at night-time,
When you are far? (and sometimes I cry!)
Why do I miss you—up there on my pedestal—
Where you have lifted me high out of reach?
(D'ye know how uncomfortable 'tis on a pedestal!)
Simply contented your children to teach.

Why do I pray, dear, that God may watch over you,
Keeping your feet in the ways that are straight?
Were you hanged on a gibbet, still would I believe in you!
Why do I love you? because you're my mate,
Because you're my man, and I love the brute strength of you!
Primeval woman am I at my best!
(Also, I know how to keep my small foot on you!)
Why do I love you? now haven't you guessed?

To Him.

He lifts my chin, I look into his eyes
And wonder why I love him;
His lips are pressed to mine, the wonder dies,
I only know I love him.

He is so big and straight,
And I so small,
I wonder if I love
Because he's tall?

He smells of good cigars, salt air and sun;
He is so strong;
I love him when he swears,
Although it's wrong.

And every girl I know that looks at him
Just envies me;
And so I think I love him more,
If that could be.

I love the passionate strength of you,
Even the sinewy length of you!
I love each act you do,
I love the bearded face of you,
I love the manly grace of you;
And why? Because you're you!

The Only Explanation.

It's been a mystery since the world began
Why we like you so much,
Why we thrill at your touch;
The reason is this—that you're just MAN.

O! why is it, Man, we love you so,
What puts our hearts in a whirl?
I think that the reason is, you know,
You don't happen to be a Girl.

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Wit and Humour.

A Narrow Squeak.

A very great military man was once on a visit to a friend in Ireland, and on the estate of his host there resided an Irishman who had been in the army, and had fought and bled for his country. The two soldiers met.

"Wounded in the Crimea, were you?" said the son of Mars. "Badly too?"

Paddy: "The bullet hit me right in the chist here, a' come out at my back, sur."

Military Man: "The deuce! Come, come! Pat, that don't do; why it would come right through your heart, man!"

Paddy: "Och, good luck to me! But my heart was in my mouth at the toime, sure, or I'd have been a dead man, yer honner!"

Railway Amenities.

An Irish merchant who had more money than his appearance denoted, took a seat in a first-class carriage. A dandy fellow-passenger was much annoyed at Pat's presence, and missing his handkerchief, taxed him with having picked his pocket. After recovering the handkerchief, which he had dropped, he made a lame apology, but Pat stopped him with the remark, "Make yourself aisy, darlint; don't bother about the matter. You took me for a thafe; I took you for a gentleman. We were both of us mistaken; that's all, me honey."

Set Him on His Legs.

A.: "Do you see that fellow over there? I've set that man on his legs." B.: "Do you expect me to believe that? The idea of you, a money-lender, setting anyone on his feet!" A.: "It's a fact, though; last year that man was riding in his own carriage, now—he has to walk."

Hoist with his own Petard.

An inspector was examining the boys of a North-country Council School in geography, and he presently came to the subject of "imaginary" lines of the earth, like the equator, lines of latitude and longitude, etc.

"Now, my boy," he said, pointing to one scholar, "what is the axis of the earth?"

"An imaginary line," answered the lad, "which passes through the middle of the earth from one pole to the other."

"Right," said the gentleman; and then, trying to catch or puzzle the lad a little, he continued, "And now, my lad, tell me could your mother hang clothes on this line?"

"Yes, sir."

"Oh, indeed!" said the gentleman, "what kind of clothes, pray?"

"Imaginary clothes, sir," answered the lad.

Crack Shots.

Three old hunters were speaking of the distance-shooting of modern rifles in the hotel lobby one night, when they brought up recollections of the guns they used to have when they were boys.

The first man told how he had often broken the old school-house windows from the creek half-a-mile away, while the second told of shooting duck from one county to another.

Calmly sipping his favourite beverage, the last man told how, up in Tennessee, he had rubbed salt on top of the bullets to preserve the game until he reached it. The first two men gave in.—*Atlanta Georgian.*

A Good Rule.

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale some one to you has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates—first, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer, and in the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

Got Hold of the Wrong Kind.

An old Irishman was sitting out in front of his house puffing heroically at his pipe. He would light a match and pull and pull, then throw the match away, and light another. He continued the performance until the ground around him was strewn with burnt matches.

"Come in to dinner, Pat," said his wife at the door.

"Faith, and Oi will in a minute, Biddy," said he. "Moike has been tellin' me that if I shmoked a bit av ghlass Oi cud see the shpots on the sun. Oi dun know whether Moike's been foolin' me or whether Oi've got hold av the wrong kind av ghlass!"

Hard Luck!

Pat: "Shure, an' this is a moighty quare wurrld."

Mick: "How's that now, Pat?"

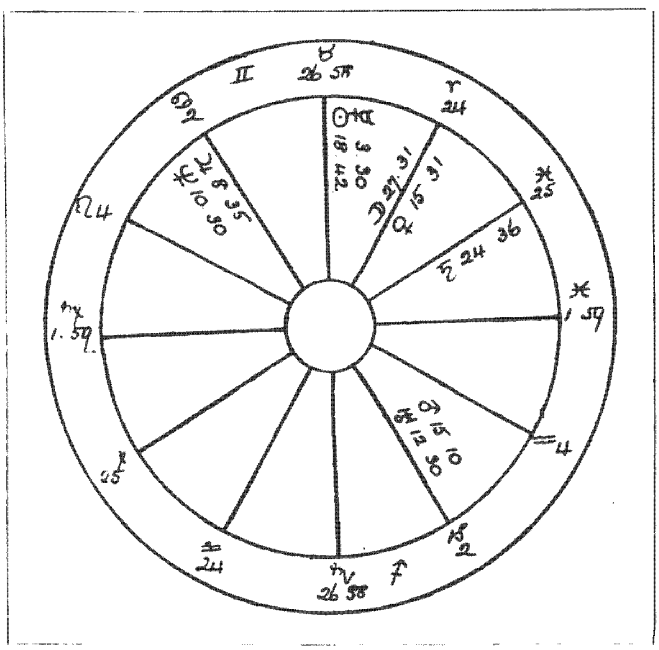
Pat: "Well, it's loike this. Yez know how Dan Finnegan got fifty pounds for the black eye he got in that train accident, and here's me wid two black eyes an' me head all smashed up an' had to pay ten shillings at the police court for it?"

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Horoscopes of Celebrities.

XII.—The Prince of the Asturias.

THE Prince of the Asturias, the first-born son of the King of Spain, whose horoscope appeared in the February issue, was born on May 10th, 1907, at Madrid. The actual birth time does not appear to be exactly known, some papers giving it at one time, and some at others, but all mention it as occuring from 0.30 to 0.45 p.m. The figure appended is given for 0.30 p.m. and is taken from Zadkiel's Almanack for the present year. The sign Virgo rises, and the figure is very similar to his father's, who was born under the same sign, with the Sun in nearly the same degree. The elevation of the Sun over all the other planets, in trine to Mars and applying to the sextile of Saturn, is good, showing great popularity and success. It will also strengthen the health and constitution, giving plenty of vitality and organic power. The head, throat, heart and intestines are the weak parts, and complaints affecting these organs will occur.



The disposition is quiet and retiring, discriminative and intelligent with a critical and philosophical tendency, practicality and ingenuity. The character is determined and persistent, firm, kind, good-natured and sympathetic. The personality, however, is more aggressive and militant, self-reliant, inclined to be impulsive, restless and changeable. The mental abilities are good, the mind being very strong and fixed, active, acute, quick in perception, and fond of science, literature, and philosophy. There is a devotional aspect to the mind, a broad intellect, and good powers of judgment. Some trouble and disappointment is shown in marriage, as Venus is in square to Mars, and the Moon being void of course, marriage may be delayed. It is, however, likely to occur at the age of 29. The sixth and thirteenth years of life are likely to be unfortunate, while the fifteenth points to some accident or feverish disorder. Mars is in trine to the Sun for several years after that, denoting advancement and success. Travel is shown at the age of 23, and again at 28. Ill health is shown at 33 and again at 39, under the direction of the Sun to the square of Saturn. The critical period of the life is shown from 53 to 60, when the Sun passes the conjunction of Neptune, opposition of Uranus and Mars.

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POWER OF FASCINATION POSSESSED BY THE STOAT.

ALTHOUGH the power which some serpents possess of fascinating their prey is so well known as to have passed into a proverb, people are not perhaps generally aware that a similar power is possessed by some other animals. I have, however, observed it as exerted with most singular effect by the stoat.

I was one day going out shooting, attended by a servant. Before we arrived at our shooting ground, we had to pass an open piece of furze-land, separated by a hedge from the road along which we were going. As we were proceeding, I heard a rabbit scream on the other side of the hedge, and, looking over, I saw the rabbit running round and round in a circle, and screaming. Of course I thought at first that it was caught in a snare (or a hingle as it is locally called), and was trying to escape, but a second glance showed me that the case was quite different. There, in the middle of the circle in which the rabbit was running, a stoat was sitting up on its hind quarters, twisting round as the rabbit ran, and writhing its long lithe body about in a most serpent-like fashion, and apparently keeping its eye fixed on that of its victim. Although we were quite close (not more than five or six yards off), they were both so occupied with their own affairs that they did not notice us.

I watched them for some seconds, during which the rabbit kept continually narrowing the circle in which it was running, while the stoat seemed to be watching for it to come near enough to spring at. I did not, however, allow them to play the game out, but, with a proper detestation of poaching, shot the stoat dead upon the spot. The charm was instantly broken, and the rabbit ran into the nearest furze-bush; but it had not entirely recovered its presence of mind, for, on going up to the spot, my servant either caught it in his hands, or else knocked it on the head with a stick - I do not exactly recollect which.

This was as distinct an instance of fascination as any that I ever heard or read of, and it appeared to be exercised in the same manner as that usually attributed to the serpent, namely, by the eye. It seems doubtful, however, whether it was so really, as the stoat has been known to exercise a similar power when the fixing of the eye was out of the question.

I think it is White, of Selborne, who speaks of his having seen a hare cross slowly over a road, screaming as it went, followed at some little distance by two stoats, which were scenting it like dogs. Here it was of course impossible for the eye to have been the instrument of fascination—a fact which makes me doubt whether it was so in the case which I observed myself.

Nor, on the other hand, can it be explained away as the effect of mere fright, for, not to say that mere fright would have made the rabbit scamper away suddenly and silently, instead of running with loud screams in a continually narrowing circle round the cause of fright, surely a man firing a charge of shot within a few inches of its nose must be a far more alarming object than a quiet little stoat, sitting on its hind quarters.

I do not attempt to explain the phenomenon; I only know that it is a fact, and that there appears to be a special faculty given to the animal to enable it to procure its food more readily that it could do otherwise.

Airships and Old Times.

WHAT WOULD have been thought of the modern "Air Navigator" in the 15th, 16th and 17th Centuries? when to do anything at all out of the common way was to run the risk of being called wizard or witch; and such was the determination of the Church in those days to keep people in their gross ignorance, that it was looked upon as a crime to teach "the vulgar" to read and write; very few of the landed gentry could write their own names; the Incumbent or Parson was often the only one who could read a royal proclamation; a clever fellow who was always a dangerous rogue. How could he be anything else?

It is fortunate for M. Delagrange and all other navigators of the air that they live in the twentieth and not in the seventeenth century, when they would inevitably have been charged with sorcery. "Walking in the air" was considered one of the irrefragable proofs of association with the Evil One, or was till Lord Mansfield, trying an alleged witch, remarked that he "had been unable to hit upon any law of England which prohibits persons from walking in the air if they find it convenient." "All those persons, therefore," he added, "who have seen accused perform her aerial promenades may follow her example."

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NOTE. Mr. Wilde has submitted for inspection a vast number of testimonies to his skill as an Astrologer. We vouch for their being genuine, and submit a few.

J. E. McK. writes: "Horoscope received. I think it wonderful, and wish I had known you years ago, for I might have been spared a lot."

F. W. L. writes: "The horoscope is startlingly correct, both as regards character and events, and your advice is in exact accord with what experience has taught me."

The 10/6 Horoscope is very popular and satisfactory.

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Birthday Influences during September.

And the Fate of every Child born during the Month.

1. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♍, ✶ ☉. ♂ ♅, △ ☿. A successful anniversary, some changes, benefits through friends and employment. A child born on this day will be successful in life, will gain through travel, friends and superiors, but should avoid rash actions and impulse.

2. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♍, △ ♀, ✶ ☿, □ ♃. A changeable year, some benefits and changes, social and financial gain, but increase of expenditure. A child born on this day will be clever and artistic, intelligent and sharp, but of extravagant habits.

3. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♐, □ ☉ & ♂, △ ♄. A changeable year, some benefits in employment, but danger of disputes and troubles through superiors. A child born on this day will be rash and hasty, but persevering and persistent, and should always remain in employ.

4. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♐, □ ☿. A doubtful birthday, troubles through letters and papers. A child born on this day will be impressionable and wavering, should be careful in signing papers, and avoid being too sharp.

5. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♑, □ ♄, △ ♃, △ ♂. A changeable year, some favourable changes, and success, but danger of indisposition. A child born on this day will be active and energetic, will have much success, though have many obstacles and hindrances to contend with.

6. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♑, △ ☉, ☌ ♆, ♂ ♅. A successful year, some important and beneficial changes, travel and benefits. Some slight worries and danger of disputes. A child born on this day will be popular, clever, intuitive and advanced; given to travel and romance, but will have many little troubles and disputes to contend with.

7. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♒, ✶ ♄, ☌ ♀, △ ☿. A changeable year, danger of trouble through superiors and in employ, some favourable changes, and benefits. A child born on this day will have trouble through the opposite sex, be clever and intelligent, but have many little troubles and trials in life.

8. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♒. A quiet year generally, some intercourse with the other sex. A child born on this day will have a quiet and uneventful life and be fairly successful.

9. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♓, ☌ ♃. A doubtful year, heavy expenses, many little worries, but some social and financial benefits. A child born on this day will be of extravagant tastes, but will benefit through romance and strange people.

10. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♓, ☌ ☉ & ♂, △ ☿, ✶ ♅. Not a good birthday, danger of indisposition, accident and loss of employment, some benefits through favourable changes. A child born on this day will be rash and headstrong, often in trouble with superiors, and liable to disgrace.

11. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♈, ♂ ♄, △ ♀, ☌ ☿. A changeable year, some social and financial benefits, but danger of ill health and bereavement. A child born on this day will be dull and lack intelligence; will gain in employment and through the help of others.

12. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♈, □ ♆, □ ♅. An unfavourable birthday, unpleasant changes, worries and anxieties, but gain in employment. A child born on this day will be erratic and changeable, very unsettled, and should always remain in employ.

13. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♉, △ ♃, □ ♀. An active year, new work and enterprises, danger of disputes, and trouble through the opposite sex. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, active and energetic, but rashly inclined and liable to suffer through women.

14. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♉, ✶ ♆, △ ☉, ♅ & ♂. A prosperous year, many benefits, social and financial; gain through friends and in employ. A child born on this day will have a very successful journey through life, and will gain popularity and esteem both from friends and superiors.

15. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♉, □ ♃. An evil anniversary, many changes and troubles, heavy expenses and some losses. A child born on this day will be extravagant, restless and unsettled, and will not make much headway in life.

16. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♊, □ ♂, △ ☿, ✶ ♀, ✶ ♄. A generally successful year, changes and benefits through elderly people and superiors, danger of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be quick, clever and prudent, will be in danger of disputes and litigation, and will gain through the other sex.

17. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♊, □ ☉. An unsuccessful year, danger of loss of employment, and disputes with others. A child born on this day will always be in hot water and trouble through superiors, will be rash and hasty, and in danger of accidents and disputes.

18. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♅, □ ♄, ✶ ♃. An unfavourable year generally; unpleasant changes and many worries. A child born on this day will be unruly, changeable, and restless, very erratic in behaviour, and generally unsuccessful in life.

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19. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♋, ☌ ♆, ✶ ♂, □ ☿. A doubtful anniversary, trouble through plots and schemes, letters and enemies; much activity and some changes. A child born on this day will be active and enterprising, but should be careful in speech and writing, or he will find much trouble and danger.

20. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♌, ✶ ☉. An unimportant year, benefits through employ, and slight successes. A child born on this day will have a quiet life, and should remain in the employ of others.

21. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♌, △ ♄, ☌ ♀. A successful anniversary, benefits through elders, offers of marriage to females, and much success generally. A child born on this day will be successful, and should gain through employment and the other sex.

22. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♌, ✶ ☿. Au unfavourable birthday, danger of ill health and bereavement; troubles through elderly people. A child born on this day will be clever and ambitious, but will do well to remain in employ and take no risks.

23. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♍, ☌ ♃. A beneficial year, gain and improvement in affairs; social and financial benefits. A child born on this day will rise in life and be a social success.

24. THURSDAY. (Ruled by Jupiter). ☽ in ♍, ☌ ♂, △ ♅, ✶ ♆. An evil year, danger of ill health, accident and bereavement; many troubles and trials. A child born on this day will be rash and headstrong, liable to accidents, and though clever and acute will not make much headway in life.

25. FRIDAY. (Ruled by Venus). ☽ in ♎, ☌ ☉. An unimportant anniversary, some changes and minor troubles. A child born on this day will have a quiet life, do best in employment and not on his own account.

26. SATURDAY. (Ruled by Saturn). ☽ in ♎, ✶ ♀, □ ♆, ☌ ♅, ☍ ♄. An unfavourable year, ill health and many troubles, unexpected changes and worries. A child born on this day will have many ups and downs in life, should always take a subordinate position and remain in the employ of others.

27. SUNDAY. (Ruled by Sol). ☽ in ♎, ☌ ☿. An evil year, danger of disputes and accidents. A child born on this day will be clever and intelligent, but rash and impulsive.

28. MONDAY. (Ruled by Luna). ☽ in ♏, ✶ ♅, ✶ ♃. A generally successful year, gain through employment, and friends; beneficial changes, and improvement of position. A child born on this day will be successful in life, have many opportunities and will have much prosperity.

29. TUESDAY. (Ruled by Mars). ☽ in ♏, △ ♆, □ ♀, ✶ ☌. A successful year, with benefits, social and financial; young single ladies may receive offers of marriage, but may be disappointed. A child born on this day will be a favourite with the opposite sex, but will be liable to many disappointments. He will be active and energetic in disposition.

30. WEDNESDAY. (Ruled by Mercury). ☽ in ♐, ✶ ☉, △ ♄, □ ♃. An evil year, danger of ill health, bereavement, much trouble and sorrow. A child born on this day will have much to contend with in life, have a hard struggle to make ends meet, and if a female will make an unhappy marriage.

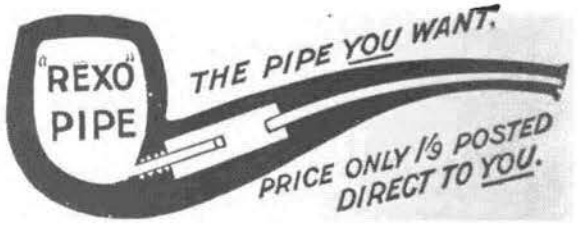
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Astrology and its Exponents.

XII.—The Laws which are supposed to Prohibit the Practice of the Science.

IT would be impossible to discuss with propriety the justice or injustice of the laws which are said to prohibit the practice of astrology. The usual practice now-a-days is to confound magic and witchcraft with what is termed astral science. There seems never to have been a law in England restraining the practice of pure astrology; the plan has been to confound this science with what is not astrology but mere fortune-telling, and predicting the future, and so to throw dust in the eyes of people who are too indolent or too prejudiced to reflect for themselves.

We could write for some length on the various acts which have been passed on the subject of sorcery and witchcraft, but all these acts have been repealed by 23, G.111, c.51, and 1, G.IV., c.116. Now the act which is occasionally put into force, in the present time is 5, G.IV., c.83, and Sec. 4 says as follows: "Every person *pretending or professing* to tell fortunes, or using any subtle craft, means or device, by palmistry or otherwise, to deceive and impose upon any of His Majesty's subjects, shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond within the true intent and meaning of this act" (the words in italics are ours).

So every person who "pretends or professes to tell fortunes." Here lies the point. The insertion of the words "pretending or professing" alters the interpretation which is usually placed on the clause. It does not say that "every person who tells fortunes, ... shall be deemed rogues and vagabonds," but, mark the words, those who pretend or profess to tell fortunes. This is a point which the judicial bench refuse to recognise. But there is also a further point. The word "Astrology" does not occur in the text of the clause, and as neither astrology nor palmistry can be honestly construed to be fortune telling, within the true intent and meaning of the Act it is again shown, that the Act is not applicable to a genuine astrologer. It is only in such cases where there is a deliberate and intentional attempt to pretend or profess to tell fortunes, and by astrology, palmistry, or any occult means to use subtle craft for the purpose of deceiving and imposing upon any one, that there is any contravention of the law. Scores of so-called astrologers whose horoscopes are ready-made sheets, columns of questions in which the answers are inserted by means of rubber stamps, or little printed books with coloured covers, with sentences and words ticked off by means of a coloured pencil, and various other methods too foolish to be mentioned are clearly and undoubtedly "rogues and vagabonds within the true intent and meaning of this Act, and are liable to be sent to prison for three months with hard labour."

But to make this act applicable to a true astrologer or palmist, one who is honest to his profession, and does not pretend or profess to tell fortunes, or deceive and impose upon any one, is a barefaced misrepresentation, and contravention of the law.

Again, at the time this act was passed, true astrology was little practised, and it was not at any rate done so sufficiently to render this enactment necessary, but as just mentioned this statute does not affect to punish persons who are really skilled in astral science, nor does it say one word about astrology. Its provision merely applies to persons who pretend to tell fortunes with an intent to deceive further. At the time of the passing of this Act the country was swarming with vagabonds, that is, persons who wander illegally without a settled habitation, and it was these people that the act distinctly particularises.

But before going further we must consider the preamble. One part of the statute must be so construed with another, that the whole may, if possible, stand *ut re magis valeat, quam pereat*, and the preamble of an act is a good means to find out the intention.

The preamble states distinctly and unequivocally, that it is expedient to make further provision for the "Suppression of Vagrancy, and for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons and rogues and vagabonds and incorrigible rogues." If words are to be taken in their usual sense, and if the words of the preamble are to be considered, what can be clearer than the intention of the legislature in passing this statute. The preamble also refers to the statute 3, Geo. IV., C.40, intituled, "An Act for consolidating into one Act and amending the Laws relating to Idle and Disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, incorrigible Rogues and other Vagrants, in England." Not one word in either of the statutes about resident householders being subject to the provision of either one or the other of them. Both expressly relate to the one same point, viz., The Suppression of Vagrancy, and the Punishment Intended for Vagrants and Vagabond Rogues only. What can be more absurd or more unreasonable than to construe the word "Vagrant" or "Rogue" as something which is directly the reverse. At the same time, there is one other point which must not be lost sight of, and it would be well for the minions of the law to bear it in mind. That whoever conspires to make another person break the law is guilty of conspiracy, but yet we read of cases where detectives have gone specially to people who have been known to practice astrology and trap them into casting a horoscope, or some similar work, and have then had them hauled before a magistrate. So it is to be said that if astrology is illegal, a man who endeavours to trap another into contravening this act, is himself guilty of conspiracy.

In conclusion we have to say, that the honest and legitimate practice of astrology is not forbidden by any Act of Parliament. It is only the pretence which is actionable, and the majority of the self-styled professors, Madams, and other illiterate persons, with high sounding names are directly and distinctly guilty of pretending or professing to tell fortunes, with intent to deceive and impose upon the British public, and can be proceeded against under this Act.

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The Vision of Mirza.

On the fifth day of the moon, which, according to the custom of my forefathers, I always keep holy, after having washed myself, and offered up my morning devotions, I ascended the high hills of Bagdad, in order to pass the rest of the day in meditation and prayer. As I was here airing myself on the tops of the mountains, I fell into a profound contemplation on the vanity of human life; and, passing from one thought to another, "Surely," said I, "man is but a shadow, and life a dream." Whilst I was thus musing, I cast my eyes towards the summit of a rock that was not far from me, where I discovered one in the habit of a shepherd, with a little musical instrument in his hand. As I looked upon him, he applied it to his lips, and began to play upon it. The sound of it was exceeding sweet, and wrought into a variety of tunes that were inexpressibly melodious, and altogether different from anything I had ever heard: they put me in mind of those heavenly airs that are played to the departed souls of good men upon their first arrival in Paradise, to wear out the impressions of the last agonies, and qualify them for the pleasures of that happy place. My heart melted away in secret raptures.

I had been often told that the rock before me was the haunt of a genius; and that several had been entertained with that music, who had passed by it, but never heard that the musician had before made himself visible. When he had raised my thoughts, by those transporting airs which he played, to taste the pleasure of his conversation, as I looked upon him like one astonished, he beckoned to me, and, by the waving of his hand, directed me to approach the place where he sat. I drew near with that reverence which is due to a superior nature; and as my heart was entirely subdued by the captivating strains I had heard, I fell down at his feet and wept. The genius smiled upon me with a look of compassion and affability that familiarised him to my imagination, and at once dispelled all the fears and apprehensions with which I approached him. He lifted me from the ground, and, taking me by the hand, "Mirza," said he, "I have heard thee in thy soliloquies; follow me."

He then led me to the highest pinnacle of the rock, and, placing me on the top of it, "Cast thy eyes eastward," said he, "and tell me what thou seest."

"I see," said I, "a huge valley, and a prodigious tide of water rolling through it."

"The valley that thou seest," said he, "is the vale of misery; and the tide of water that thou seest is part of the great tide of eternity."

"What is the reason," said I, "that the tide I see rises out of a thick mist at one end, and again looses itself in a thick mist at the other?"

"What thou seest," said he, "is that portion of eternity which is called Time, measured out by the Sun, and reaching from the beginning of the world to its consummation. Examine now," said he, "this sea that is bounded with darkness at both ends, and tell me what thou discoverest in it."

"I see a bridge," said I, "standing in the midst of the tide."

"The bridge thou seest," said he, "is human life; consider it attentively."

Upon a more leisurely survey of it I found that it consisted of threescore and ten entire arches, with several broken arches, which, added to those that were entire, made up the number about a hundred. As I was counting the arches, the genius told me that this bridge consisted at first of a thousand arches; but that a great flood swept away the rest, and left the bridge in the ruinous condition I now beheld it." "But tell me further," said he, "what thou discoverest on it?"

"I see multitudes of people passing over it," said I, "and a black cloud hanging on each end of it."

As I looked more attentively, I saw several of the passengers dropping through the bridge into the great tide that flowed underneath it; and upon further examination, perceived that there were innumerable trap-doors that lay concealed in the bridge, which the passengers no sooner trod upon, but they fe through them into the tide, and immediately disappeared These hidden pitfalls were set very thick at the entrance of the bridge, so that throngs of people no sooner broke through the cloud, but many of them fell into them. They grew thinner towards the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together towards the end of the arches that were entire.

There were indeed some persons, but their number was very small, that continued a kind of hobbling march on the broken arches, but fell through, one after another, being quite tired and spent with so long a walk.

I passed some time in the contemplation of this wonderful structure, and the great variety of objects which it presented. My heart was filled with a deep melancholy, to see several dropping unexpectedly in the midst of mirth and jollity, and catching at everything that stood by them, to save themselves. Some were looking up towards the heavens in a thoughtful posture, and, in the midst of a speculation, stumbled and fell out of sight. Multitudes were very busy in the pursuit of bubbles, that glittered in their eyes and danced before them; but often, when they thought themselves within reach of them, their footing failed, and down they sank. In this confusion of objects, I observed some scimitars and other weapons in their hands, thrusting several persons on trap-doors which did not seem to lie in their way, and which they might have escaped had they not been thus forced upon them.

The genius seeing me indulge myself in this melancholy prospect, told me I had dwelt long enough upon it. "Take thine eyes off the bridge," said he, "and tell me if thou seest anything thou dost not comprehend."

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Upon looking up, "What means," said I, "those great flights of birds that are perpetually hovering about the bridge, and settling upon it from time to time? I see vultures, harpies, ravens, cormorants, and, among many other feathered creatures, several little winged boys, that perch in great numbers upon the middle arches."

"These," said the genius, "are envy, avarice, superstition, despair, love, with the like cares and passions that infest human life."

I here fetched a deep sigh. "Alas," said I, "man was made in vain; how is he given away to misery and mortality, tortured in life, and swallowed up in death!"

The genius being moved with compassion towards me, bid me quit so uncomfortable a prospect. "Look no more," said he, "on man in the first stage of his existence, in his setting out for eternity; but cast thine eye on that thick mist into which the tide bears the several generations of mortals that fall into it."

I directed my sight as I was ordered, and (whether or no the good genius strengthened it with any supernatural force, or dissipated part of the mist that was before too thick for the eye to penetrate) I saw the valley opening at the farther end, and spreading forth into an immense ocean, that had a huge rock of adamant running through the midst of it, and dividing it into two equal parts. The clouds still rested on one half of it, insomuch that I could discover nothing in it; but the other appeared to me a vast ocean, planted with innumerable islands, that were covered with fruits and flowers, and interwoven with a thousand little shining seas that ran among them. I could see persons dressed in glorious habits, with garlands upon their heads, passing among the trees, lying down by the sides of fountains, or resting on beds of flowers; and could hear a confused harmony of singing birds, falling waters, human voices, and musical instruments. Gladness grew in me at the discovery of so delightful a scene. I wished for the wings of an eagle, that I might fly away to those happy seats; but the genius told me there was no passage to them, except through the gates of death that I saw opening every moment upon the bridge.

"The islands," said he, "that lie so fresh and green before thee, and with which the whole face of the ocean appears spotted as far as thou canst see, are more in number than the sands on the sea shore; there are myriads of islands behind those which thou here discoverest, reaching further than thine eye, or even thine imagination, can extend itself. These are the mansions of good men after death, who, according to the degree and kinds of virtue in which they excelled, are distributed among these several islands, which abound with pleasures of different kinds and degrees, suitable to the relishes and perfections of those who are settled in them; every island is a paradise accommodated to its respective inhabitants. Are not these, O Mirza, habitations worth contending for? Does life appear miserable, that gives thee opportunities of earning such a reward? Is death to be feared, that will convey thee to so happy an existence? Think not man was made in vain, who has such an eternity reserved for him."

I gazed with inexpressible pleasure on these happy islands. At length, said I, "Show me now, I beseech thee, the secrets that lie hid under those dark clouds, which cover the ocean on the other side of the rock of adamant?"

The genius making me no answer, I turned about to address myself to him a second time, but I found that he had left me; I then turned again to the vision which I had been so long contemplating; but instead of the rolling tide, the arched bridge, and the happy islands, I saw nothing but the long hollow valley of Bagdad, with oxen, sheep and camels, grazing upon the sides of it.—*Addison.*

The Artist's Last Work.

A painter sat before his easel old,
Death flushed his cheek, and glistened in his eye
But yet he toiled; he wished one work to do
Ere he could reconcile himself to die.
And so he laboured with his fading strength
Upon his soul's last dream, and it was done at length.

He had poured all his power upon his work.
What was that work? Had he depicted there
Some fav'rite scene, some smile on Nature's face
That to his raptured eye had seemed most fair,
Or from the canvas looked some dear-loved form,
Who in the grave reposed from life's too boisterous storm?

No; he loved Nature; she had been his joy;
But more was needed on a dying bed
Than she could give; and, for the mortal friends
Who on his life the light of love had shed,
He loved them too; but human love seems vain
When it avails us naught in Death's dread hour of pain.

What had he painted? Why, the only scene
From whence his comfort at that moment came,
Where, in the fearful gloom of earth and sky,
The Saviour hung upon a cross of shame,
And, 'mid the scorn of wicked men, gave up
His sinless soul for theirs, and drained life's bitter cup.

Ay, earth was slipping from that painter's grasp,
And as he gazed upon this work, his last,
And then upon the life that now was o'er,
What were the thoughts that through his spirit passed?
We need not guess, beneath the picture see,
"For me hast thou done *this*. What have *I* done for thee?"

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